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PROGRESSIVE REPORTS AUGUST RESULTS

MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO -- September 13, 2012 -- The Progressive Corporation today reported the following results for August 2012:

(millions, except per share amounts and ratios; unaudited)	August 2012	August 2011	Change
Net premiums written	\$ 1,285.5	\$ 1,206.4	7 %
Net premiums earned	\$ 1,246.6	\$ 1,149.9	8 %
Net income	\$ 141.5	\$ 22.5	529 %
Per share	\$.23	\$.04	556 %
Total pretax net realized gains (losses) on securities (including net impairment losses)	\$ 141.9	\$ (35.7)	NM
Combined ratio	96.5	97.6	(1.1) pts.
Average diluted equivalent shares	606.3	632.0	(4)%
NM = Not Meaningful			

(thousands; unaudited)	August 2012	August 2011	Change
<u>Policies in Force:</u>			
Agency – auto	4,864.5	4,617.3	5 %
Direct – auto	4,022.0	3,799.4	6 %
Total personal auto	8,886.5	8,416.7	6 %
Total special lines	4,001.6	3,844.6	4 %
Total Personal Lines	12,888.1	12,261.3	5 %
Total Commercial Auto	527.1	514.0	3 %

Progressive offers insurance to personal and commercial auto drivers throughout the United States. Our Personal Lines business writes insurance for personal autos and recreational vehicles. Our Commercial Auto business writes primary liability, physical damage, and other auto-related insurance for autos and trucks owned by small businesses.

See the “Comprehensive Income Statements” and “Supplemental Information” for further month and year-to-date information and the “Monthly Commentary” at the end of this release for additional discussion.

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT

August 2012

(millions)

(unaudited)

	Current Month	Comments on Monthly Results¹
Net premiums written	\$ 1,285.5	
Revenues:		
Net premiums earned	\$ 1,246.6	
Investment income	37.5	
Net realized gains (losses) on securities:		
Other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) losses:		
Total OTTI losses	0	
Non-credit losses, net of credit losses recognized on previously recorded non-credit OTTI losses	0	
Net impairment losses recognized in earnings	0	
Net realized gains (losses) on securities	141.9	Primarily represents the liquidation of approximately \$580 million of our common stock portfolio.
Total net realized gains (losses) on securities	141.9	
Service revenues	3.3	
Total revenues	1,429.3	
Expenses:		
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	945.2	
Policy acquisition costs	109.9	
Other underwriting expenses	148.5	
Investment expenses	1.1	
Service expenses	3.0	
Interest expense	10.2	
Total expenses	1,217.9	
Income before income taxes	211.4	
Provision for income taxes	69.9	
Net income	141.5	
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:		
Net unrealized gains (losses) on securities:		
Net non-credit related OTTI losses, adjusted for valuation changes	.8	
Other net unrealized gains (losses) on securities	(43.2)	
Total net unrealized gains (losses) on securities	(42.4)	
Net unrealized gains on forecasted transactions	(.1)	
Foreign currency translation adjustment	.2	
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(42.3)	
Total comprehensive income	\$ 99.2	

¹See the Monthly Commentary at the end of this release for additional discussion. For a description of our reporting and accounting policies, see Note 1 to our 2011 audited consolidated financial statements included in our 2011 Shareholders' Report, which can be found at www.progressive.com/annualreport.

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENTS

August 2012 Year-to-Date

(millions)

(unaudited)

	Year-to-Date		% Change
	2012	2011	
Net premiums written	\$ 11,225.1	\$ 10,439.5	8
Revenues:			
Net premiums earned	\$ 10,658.6	\$ 9,972.9	7
Investment income	298.8	321.9	(7)
Net realized gains (losses) on securities:			
Other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) losses:			
Total OTTI losses	(5.6)	(4.5)	24
Non-credit losses, net of credit losses recognized on previously recorded non-credit OTTI losses ¹	(.7)	.9	NM
Net impairment losses recognized in earnings	(6.3)	(3.6)	75
Net realized gains (losses) on securities	237.9	77.1	209
Total net realized gains (losses) on securities	231.6	73.5	215
Service revenues	25.5	15.0	70
Gains (losses) on extinguishment of debt	(1.7)	(.1)	1600
Total revenues	11,212.8	10,383.2	8
Expenses:			
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	7,947.7	7,097.5	12
Policy acquisition costs	971.9	937.0	4
Other underwriting expenses	1,324.7	1,244.3	6
Investment expenses	10.2	9.7	5
Service expenses	24.5	12.3	99
Interest expense	83.0	84.3	(2)
Total expenses	10,362.0	9,385.1	10
Income before income taxes	850.8	998.1	(15)
Provision for income taxes	274.1	316.4	(13)
Net income	576.7	681.7	(15)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:			
Net unrealized gains (losses) on securities:			
Net non-credit related OTTI losses, adjusted for valuation changes	4.6	(4.6)	NM
Other net unrealized gains (losses) on securities	165.4	(24.4)	NM
Total net unrealized gains (losses) on securities	170.0	(29.0)	NM
Net unrealized gains on forecasted transactions	(1.4)	(5.8)	(76)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	.4	.5	(20)
Other comprehensive income	169.0	(34.3)	NM
Total comprehensive income	\$ 745.7	\$ 647.4	15

NM = Not Meaningful

¹A negative amount for the period reflects credit losses reclassified from other comprehensive income that exceeded the amount of non-credit OTTI losses recognized in other comprehensive income during the period.

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
COMPUTATION OF NET INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME PER SHARE
&
INVESTMENT RESULTS
August 2012
(millions – except per share amounts)
(unaudited)

The following table sets forth the computation of net income per share and comprehensive income per share:

	Current Month	Year-to-Date	
		2012	2011
Net income	\$ 141.5	\$ 576.7	\$ 681.7
Per share:			
Basic	\$.24	\$.95	\$ 1.06
Diluted	\$.23	\$.95	\$ 1.05
Comprehensive income	\$ 99.2	\$ 745.7	\$ 647.4
Per share:			
Diluted	\$.16	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.00
Average shares outstanding - Basic	601.8	604.8	643.2
Net effect of dilutive stock-based compensation	4.5	4.2	4.3
Total equivalent shares - Diluted	606.3	609.0	647.5

The following table sets forth the investment results for the period:

	Current Month	Year-to-Date	
		2012	2011
Fully taxable equivalent total return:			
Fixed-income securities	.5 %	4.1 %	3.0 %
Common stocks	2.5 %	13.4 %	(1.3)%
Total portfolio	.7 %	5.2 %	2.4 %
Pretax annualized investment income book yield	2.9 %	3.0 %	3.3 %

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

August 2012
(\$ in millions)
(unaudited)

Current Month						
	Personal Lines Business			Commercial	Other	Companywide
	Agency	Direct	Total	Auto Business	Businesses ¹	Total
Net Premiums Written	\$ 644.3	\$ 506.4	\$ 1,150.7	\$ 134.8	\$ 0	\$ 1,285.5
% Growth in NPW	6 %	6 %	6 %	12 %	NM	7 %
Net Premiums Earned	\$ 629.3	\$ 486.4	\$ 1,115.7	\$ 130.9	\$ 0	\$ 1,246.6
% Growth in NPE	7 %	9 %	8 %	15 %	NM	8 %
GAAP Ratios						
Loss/LAE ratio	77.2	73.7	75.7	76.7	NM	75.8
Expense ratio	20.9	20.6	20.8	20.3	NM	20.7
Combined ratio	98.1	94.3	96.5	97.0	NM	96.5
Actuarial Adjustments²						
Reserve Decrease/(Increase)						
Prior accident years						\$ 11.0
Current accident year						(20.6)
Calendar year actuarial adjustment	\$ (3.3)	\$ (.7)	\$ (4.0)	\$ (5.6)	\$ 0	\$ (9.6)
Prior Accident Years Development						
Favorable/(Unfavorable)						
Actuarial adjustment						\$ 11.0
All other development						(1.4)
Total development						\$ 9.6
Calendar year loss/LAE ratio						75.8
Accident year loss/LAE ratio						76.6
Statutory Ratios						
Loss/LAE ratio						75.9
Expense ratio						20.1
Combined ratio						96.0

¹ The other businesses generated an underwriting loss of \$0.4 million for the month. Combined ratios and % growth are not meaningful (NM) due to the low level of premiums earned by, and the variability of loss costs in, such businesses.

² Represents adjustments solely based on our corporate actuarial reviews.

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

August 2012 Year-to-Date

(\$ in millions)

(unaudited)

	Year-to-Date					
	Personal Lines Business			Commercial	Other	Companywide
	Agency	Direct	Total	Auto Business	Businesses ¹	Total
Net Premiums Written	\$ 5,640.7	\$ 4,374.9	\$ 10,015.6	\$ 1,209.5	\$ 0	\$ 11,225.1
% Growth in NPW	6 %	7 %	7 %	15 %	NM	8 %
Net Premiums Earned	\$ 5,399.4	\$ 4,170.9	\$ 9,570.3	\$ 1,087.5	\$ 0.8	\$ 10,658.6
% Growth in NPE	6 %	7 %	6 %	12 %	NM	7 %
GAAP Ratios						
Loss/LAE ratio	75.5	73.9	74.8	72.4	NM	74.6
Expense ratio	20.7	22.4	21.4	22.2	NM	21.5
Combined ratio	96.2	96.3	96.2	94.6	NM	96.1
Actuarial Adjustments²						
Reserve Decrease/(Increase)						
Prior accident years						\$ 47.2
Current accident year						(29.0)
Calendar year actuarial adjustment	\$ (1.7)	\$ 18.4	\$ 16.7	\$ 1.7	\$ (.2)	\$ 18.2
Prior Accident Years Development						
Favorable/(Unfavorable)						
Actuarial adjustment						\$ 47.2
All other development						(96.4)
Total development						\$ (49.2)
Calendar year loss/LAE ratio						74.6
Accident year loss/LAE ratio						74.1
Statutory Ratios						
Loss/LAE ratio						74.6
Expense ratio						20.9
Combined ratio						95.5
Statutory Surplus						
						\$ 5,985.8
NM = Not Meaningful						

¹ Year to date, the other businesses generated an underwriting loss of \$3.3 million.

² Represents adjustments solely based on our corporate actuarial reviews.

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
BALANCE SHEET AND OTHER INFORMATION

(millions – except per share amounts)
(unaudited)

	August 2012
CONDENSED GAAP BALANCE SHEET:	
Investments – Available-for-sale, at fair value:	
Fixed maturities ¹ (amortized cost: \$11,654.7)	\$ 12,062.1
Equity securities:	
Nonredeemable preferred stocks ¹ (cost: \$437.5)	848.4
Common equities (cost: \$1,036.7)	1,537.4
Short-term investments (amortized cost: \$2,412.5)	2,412.5
Total investments ^{2, 3}	16,860.4
Net premiums receivable	3,312.9
Deferred acquisition costs	459.3
Other assets ^{3, 4}	2,552.0
Total assets	\$ 23,184.6
Unearned premiums	\$ 5,149.2
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves ⁴	7,726.8
Other liabilities	1,815.5
Debt	2,063.0
Shareholders' equity	6,430.1
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 23,184.6

Common shares outstanding	604.8
Shares repurchased – August	2.1
Average cost per share	\$ 19.76
Book value per share	\$ 10.63
Trailing 12-month return on average shareholders' equity	
Net income	14.9 %
Comprehensive income	16.7 %
Net unrealized pretax gains (losses) on investments	\$ 1,312.0
Increase (decrease) from July 2012	\$ (65.2)
Increase (decrease) from December 2011	\$ 261.5
Debt-to-total capital ratio	24.3 %
Fixed-income portfolio duration	1.8 years
Weighted average credit quality	AA-
Year-to-date Gainshare factor	1.25

¹ As of August 31, 2012, we held certain hybrid securities and recognized a change in fair value of \$7.0 million as a realized gain during the period we held these securities.

² Includes \$5.8 billion of short-term investments and U.S. Treasury securities.

³ Total investments exclude \$104.1 million of net unsettled security transactions, which are included in “other assets” as of August 31, 2012.

⁴ Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves are stated gross of reinsurance recoverables on unpaid losses of \$842.2 million, which are included in “other assets.”

Monthly Commentary

- During August, we incurred about \$20 million, or 1.6 loss ratio points, of total catastrophe losses, compared to \$37 million, or 3.2 points, in August 2011. Nearly 90% of the catastrophe losses were related to Hurricane Isaac, primarily in Louisiana. Year-to-date, we have incurred about \$170 million, or 1.6 points, of catastrophe losses, compared to \$195 million, or 2.0 points, last year.

Events

We are currently scheduled to release September results on Wednesday, October 10, 2012, before the market opens.

About Progressive

Celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2012, The Progressive Group of Insurance Companies makes it easy to understand, buy, and use auto insurance. Progressive offers choices so consumers can reach it whenever, wherever, and however it's most convenient—online at <http://www.progressive.com>, by phone at 1-800-PROGRESSIVE, or in-person with a local agent.

Progressive offers insurance for personal and commercial autos and trucks, motorcycles, boats, recreational vehicles, and homes. It's the fourth largest auto insurer in the country, the largest seller of motorcycle insurance, and a leader in commercial auto insurance.

Progressive also offers car insurance online in Australia at <http://www.progressiveonline.com.au>.

Founded in 1937, Progressive continues its long history of offering shopping tools and services that save customers time and money, like Name Your Price[®], the Snapshot Discount[®], and a concierge level of claims service.

The Common Shares of The Progressive Corporation, the Mayfield Village, Ohio-based holding company, trade publicly at NYSE:PGR.

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