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The Progressive Corporation

\$500,000,000

3.750% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2021

| Issuer: | The Progressive Corporation |
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| Format: | SEC Registered |
| Securities: | 3.750% Notes Due August 23, 2021 |
| Expected Ratings (Moody s/ S&P / Fitch)*: | A1 / A+ / A (stable/stable) |
| Security Type: | Senior Unsecured Fixed Rate Notes |
| Trade Date: | August 17, 2011 |
| Settlement Date: | August 22, 2011 |
| Maturity Date: | August 23, 2021 |
| Principal Amount: | \$500,000,000 |
| Price to Public: | 99.892% of principal amount |
| Gross Underwriting Discount: | 0.500% |
| Proceeds to Issuer Before Expenses: | \$496,960,000 |
| Spread to Treasury Benchmark: | 160 basis points |
| Treasury Benchmark: | 2.125% due August 15, 2021 |
| Treasury Benchmark Yield: | 2.163% |
| Coupon: | 3.750% |
| Yield to Maturity: | 3.763% |
| Interest Payment Dates: | Semi-annually on February 23 and August 23, commencing February 23, 2012 |
| Optional Redemption: | Make whole call as set forth in the preliminary prospectus supplement (Treasury Rate plus 30 basis points). |
| Minimum Denomination: | Minimum of \$2,000, with increments of \$1,000 thereafter |
| CUSIP/ISIN: | 743315 AN3 / US743315AN32 |
| Sole Bookrunner: | Credit Suisse |
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complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by contacting Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC toll-free at 1-800-221-1037.