

GATES WILLIAM H III

Form 4

July 28, 2005

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GATES WILLIAM H III

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE MICROSOFT WAY

(Street)

REDMOND, WA 98052

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/27/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

Chairman of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	07/27/2005		S		200,000	D	\$ 25.78
Common Stock	07/27/2005		S		50,000	D	\$ 25.77
Common Stock	07/27/2005		S		50,000	D	\$ 25.76
Common Stock	07/27/2005		S		500,000	D	\$ 25.75
Common Stock	07/27/2005		S		570,618	D	\$ 25.74
	07/27/2005		S		177,132	D	
							1,035,299,336
							1,035,249,336
							1,035,199,336
							1,034,699,336
							1,034,128,718
							1,033,951,586

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Common Stock						\$ 25.73		
Common Stock	07/27/2005	S	42,050	D	\$ 25.72	1,033,909,536	D	
Common Stock	07/27/2005	S	150,000	D	\$ 25.71	1,033,759,536	D	
Common Stock	07/27/2005	S	10,200	D	\$ 25.7	1,033,749,336	D	
Common Stock	07/27/2005	S	150,000	D	\$ 25.69	1,033,599,336	D	
Common Stock	07/27/2005	S	91,275	D	\$ 25.68	1,033,508,061	D	
Common Stock	07/27/2005	S	215,346	D	\$ 25.67	1,033,292,715	D	
Common Stock	07/27/2005	S	386,456	D	\$ 25.66	1,032,906,259	D	
Common Stock	07/27/2005	S	406,923	D	\$ 25.65	1,032,499,336	D	(1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GATES WILLIAM H III ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052	X		Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

William H. Gates III By: /s/ Michael Larson\*,  
Attorney-In-Fact

07/29/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).  
In addition, there are 428,166 shares owned by reporting person's spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purpose of Section 16 or for any other purposes.
- (1)

### Remarks:

\* Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated February 4, 2005, by an

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