GATES WILLIAM H III

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

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

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

ONE MICROSOFT WAY

(Month/Day/Year)

08/04/2005

X Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

(Check all applicable)

Chairman of the Board

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

REDMOND, WA 98052

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivative	uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	(111311. 4)
Common Stock	08/04/2005		S	79,462		\$ 27.38	1,019,419,874	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005		S			\$ 27.37		D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005		S	14,100	D	\$ 27.34	1,019,385,236	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005		S	10,900	D	\$ 27.33	1,019,374,336	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005		S	25,000	D	\$ 27.32	1,019,349,336	D	
	08/04/2005		S	125,000	D		1,019,224,336	D	

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Common Stock					\$ 27.31		
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	178,090	D	\$ 27.3 1,019,04	6,246	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	80,000	D	\$ 1,018,96	6,246	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	168,658	D	\$ 27.28 1,018,79	7,588	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	213,252	D	\$ 27.27 1,018,58	4,336	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	121,000	D	\$ 27.26 1,018,46	3,336	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	154,000	D	\$ 27.25 1,018,30	9,336	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	25,192	D	\$ 27.24 1,018,28	4,144	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	50,000	D	\$ 27.23 1,018,23	4,144	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	134,808	D	\$ 27.22 1,018,09	9,336	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	38,500	D	\$ 27.2 1,018,06	0,836	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	50,000	D	\$ 27.19 1,018,01	0,836	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	50,000	D	\$ 1,017,96	0,836	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	123,784	D	\$ 1,017,83	7,052	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	137,716	D	\$ 27.1 1,017,69	9,336	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	99,000	D	\$ 1,017,60	0,336	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 27.08 1,017,59	8,336	D
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	99,000	D	\$ 1,017,49 27.07 (1)	9,336	D

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
	•				(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration	TC'41	or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
				C 1 17	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	-						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CATES WILLIAM HIII							

GATES WILLIAM H III ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052

Chairman of the Board X

Relationships

Signatures

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

08/08/2005

**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 425,066 shares owned by reporting person's spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these (1) 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.

Remarks:

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

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