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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BALLMER STEVEN A</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle)  (Street)  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MICROSOFT CORP [ MSFT ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/21/2003</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		400	D	23.89	470,967,674 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		286,291	D	23.9	470,681,383	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		50,600	D	23.91	470,630,783	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		155,500	D	23.92	470,475,283	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		19,270	D	23.93	470,456,013	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		170,060	D	23.94	470,285,953	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		1,384,101	D	23.95	468,901,852	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		212,186	D	23.96	468,689,666	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		223,008	D	23.97	468,466,658	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		131,259	D	23.98	468,335,399	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		107,551	D	23.99	468,227,848	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		664,021	D	24	467,563,827	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		555,972	D	24.01	467,007,855	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		486,536	D	24.02	466,521,319	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		1,302,990	D	24.03	465,218,329	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		151,173	D	24.04	465,067,156	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		82,689	D	24.05	464,984,467	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		146,171	D	24.06	464,838,296	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		328,432	D	24.07	464,509,864	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		750,148	D	24.08	463,759,716	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		548,121	D	24.09	463,211,595	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		986,813	D	24.1	462,224,782	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		287,537	D	24.11	461,937,245	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		45,386	D	24.12	461,891,859	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		s <sup>(1)</sup>		35,989	D	24.13	461,855,870 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	

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

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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(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
<p>Explanation of Responses:</p> <p>1. This sale was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person.</p> <p>2. Adjusted to reflect a 2-for-1 stock split effective February 14, 2003.</p> <p>3. This Form 4 is the first of three forms to report all May 21, 2003 transactions for the reporting person.</p>											
							John A. Seethoff, Attorney-in-Fact for Steven A. Ballmer		05/23/2003		
							Signature of Reporting Person		Date		

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

\* 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).

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