FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* SMITH BRADFORD L						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]							(Che	ck all application	able)	g Person(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s		ner
	,	irst) CORPORATION WAY	(Middle)			Date 6		liest Trans	saction (Month/Day/Year)					below)			below)	peciny
(Street) REDMO (City)	ND W	Ά	98052-639 (Zip)	99	_ 4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line)	Adividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Ta	ble I - No	n-Deri	ivativ	/e Se	ecuri	ities Ac	auired	. Dis	sposed o	f. or Be	neficially	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da			saction	2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. 4. Securiti Transaction Code (Instr.		ies Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and !		5. Amoun Securities Beneficia Owned Fe	s Illy ollowing	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
							Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transacti	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 05/03/				3/200	2005		M		116,66	7 A	\$5.0907	176,846		D				
Common Stock 05/03			3/200	2005		S		116,66	7 D	\$25.23	60,179			D				
	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)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securitie Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti	e s ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	ion(s)		
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.0907	05/03/2005			М			116,667	11/15/20	04	07/31/2005	Common Stock	116,667	\$0	0		D	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for Bradford L. Smith

05/04/2005

** 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).
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