

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number:	3235-0104
Estimated average burden hours per response:	0.5

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Bates Anthony John</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MICROSOFT CORPORATION ONE MICROSOFT WAY <hr/> (Street) REDMOND WA 98052-6399 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/22/2013	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]</u> <hr/> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) EVP, Bus Dev/Evangelism	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
--	--	---	---

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	615,833 ⁽¹⁾	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/13/2013	10/26/2020	Common Stock 161,460	10.66	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes an aggregate of 548,576 shares represented by stock awards that vest, subject to continued employment, as follows: 105,856 shares vest on August 31, 2013, 183,959 shares vest on October 13, 2013, 105,857 shares vest on August 31, 2014, 105,856 shares vest on August 31, 2015, and 47,048 shares vest on August 31, 2016.

Remarks:

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-
fact for Anthony J. Bates 08/02/2013

** 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 5 (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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.

July 22, 2013

Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Microsoft Corporation - Power of Attorney

To whom it may concern:

This will confirm that I have granted each of the individuals listed below the authority to, on my behalf, execute and file the Form ID, Form ID Confirming Statement, Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities (Form 3), the Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership of Securities (Form 4) and the Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership (Form 5), in connection with transactions in Microsoft Corporation securities, as my Attorney-In-Fact. Such power of attorney shall remain in full force and effect until either (i) I am no longer subject to the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended or (ii) I have provided you with written notice withdrawing this authority.

The individuals who are authorized to act as my Attorney-In-Fact under this Power of Attorney are as follows:

Keith R. Dolliver
Peter A. Kraus
Christyne Mayberry
Ben O. Orndorff
John A. Seethoff
Bradford L. Smith

This Power of Attorney is effective immediately upon filing with the Securities Exchange Commission and for purposes of my future Form 4 and Form 5 filings relating to Microsoft securities and transactions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Anthony J. Bates

Anthony J. Bates