FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GATES WILLIAM H III</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]									lationshi k all app Dired	olicable)	g Person(s) to Is	
				-										Offic	er (give title	Other	(specify	
(Last) ONE MIC) (First) (Middle) E MICROSOFT WAY				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/26/2005									below) below) Chairman of the Board				
(Street)	ND W	A :	98052			4. If Amendment, Date of Original 07/28/2005					d (Month/Da	ıy/Yea	r)	6. Inc Line)	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(St	ate) ((Zip)												Pers			
		Tab	le I - No	1		_			quired	, Dis	posed o	f, or	Benef	icially	Owne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye		Execution Date,		Transaction D		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 1)				and 5) Securities Beneficially Owned Follo		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		ction(s)		(Instr. 4)						
Common	Stock			05/20/	/2005				G		280		D	(2)	42	28,240	I	By Spouse
Common	Stock			05/26/	/2005				G		74		D	(2)	42	8,166 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Spouse
Common	Stock			07/26/	/2005				S		100,000)	D \$	25.68	1,037	7,399,336	D	
Common	Stock			07/26/	/2005				S		300,000		D \$	25.67	1,037	7,099,336	D	
Common	Stock			07/26/	/2005				S		59,900		D \$	25.64	1,037	7,039,436	D	
Common	Stock			07/26/	/2005				S		85,212		D \$	25.63	1,036	5,954,224	D	
Common	Stock			07/26/	/2005				S		77,575		D \$	25.61	1,036	6,876,649	D	
Common	Stock			07/26/	/2005				S		504,520		D :	\$25.6	1,036	5,372,129	D	
Common	Stock			07/26/	/2005				S		28,800		D \$	25.59	1,036	5,343,329	D	
Common	Stock			07/26/	/2005				S		179,148	3	D \$	25.58	1,036	6,164,181	D	
Common	Stock			07/26/	/2005				S		128,700		D \$	25.58	1,036	5,035,481	D	
Common	Stock			07/26/	/2005				S		288,045	5	D \$	25.57	1,035	5,747,436	D	
Common	Stock			07/26/	/2005				S		120,050)	D \$	25.56	1,035	5,627,386	D	
Common	Stock			07/26/	/2005				S		28,050		D \$	25.55	1,035	5,599,336	D	
Common	Stock			07/26/	/2005				S		100,000)	D \$	25.54	1,035	5,499,336	D	
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Derivative Conversion Date Executive Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any							tion of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		De Se (In	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er				

Explanation of Responses:

1. 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 purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes.

2. Not applicable/ Gift

Remarks

This report replaces in its entirety the Form 4 report that was filed by the reporting person on July 28, 2005. This report was initially prepared for filing on July 28, 2005. However, due to a clerical error that has just been discovered, a Form 4 report prepared for filing on July 29, 2005 (the "July 29 Form 4") was inadvertently filed on July 28, 2005. The July 29 Form 4 was filed a second time on July 29, 2005. The July 29 Form 4 and all Form 4 reports subsequently filed by the reporting person accurately took into account the transactions reported on this amended Form 4 and correctly reflect the reporting person's holdings. * Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated February 3, 2006, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed as Exhibit 99.1 to Cascade Investment, L.L.C.'s Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13G with respect to Arch Capital Group Ltd. on March 7, 2006, SEC File No. 005-45257, and incorporated by reference herein.

William H. Gates III By: /s/ 08/24/2006 Michael Larson*, Attorney-In-Fact

** 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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