FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ALLCHIN JAMES E</u> |   |  |   |       |                              |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [ MSFT ]  |                             |                                |                                   |                       |  |  |   | of Reporting Pers<br>cable)<br>or   |                                    | 10% Ow   | ner   |
|---|---|--|---|-------|------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|---|---|------------------------------------|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE MICROSOFT WAY                       |   |  |   |       |                              | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/03/2003  |  |                             |                                |                                   |                       |  |  | X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Group Vice President |   |                                    |  | респу   |
| (Street) REDMOND WA 98052-6399                                  |   |  |   |       | _   4. I                     | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)     |  |                             |                                |                                   |                       |  |  | e)<br>X Form f  | or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable rm filed by One Reporting Person rm filed by More than One Reporting      |                                    |  |   |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |   |  |   |       |                              | tive Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |                             |                                |                                   |                       |  |  |   |   |                                    |  |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da      |   |  |   |       | saction                      | ar) if   | A. Dee<br>xecuti<br>any  | A. Deemed<br>kecution Date, |                                | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |                       | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |  | 5. Amou<br>Securiti<br>Benefici<br>Owned                          | int of<br>es<br>ally<br>Following   | Form<br>(D) of<br>ollowing (I) (In |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|   |   |  |   |       |                              |  |  |                             | Code                           | v                                 | Amount                | (A) or<br>(D)  | Price                                  | Reporte<br>Transac<br>(Instr. 3                                   | tion(s)   |                                    |  | Instr. 4)   |
| Common Stock 09/03/2  |   |  |   |       |                              | 2003   |  |                             | М                              |                                   | 60,000                | ) A  | \$2.98                                 | 44 78   | ,633  | D                                  |  |   |
| Common Stock 09/03/2  |   |  |   |       |                              | 2003   |  |                             | S                              |                                   | 60,000                | ) D  | \$28.2                                 | 4 18  | 18,633  |                                    | D  |   |
|   |   | -  | Table II -                                    |       |                              |  |  |                             |                                |                                   | oosed of,<br>converti |  |  | Owned   |   |                                    |  |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)             | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemo<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date, | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |  | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D) (Instr.<br>3, 4 and 5) |                             | 6. Date<br>Expirati<br>(Month/ | on Da                             |                       |  | ies<br>g<br>Security                   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)               | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | ly                                 | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)               |
|   |   |  |   |       | Code                         | v  | (A)  | (D)                         | Date<br>Exercisa               | able                              | Expiration<br>Date    | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |   |                                    |  |   |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to                        | \$2.9844  | 09/03/2003                                 |   |       | M                            |  |  | 60,000                      | 01/21/2                        | 002                               | 07/21/2004            | Common<br>Stock  | 60,000                                 | \$0   | 102,00  | 0                                  | D  |   |

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Remarks:

<u>Shauna L. Vernal, Attorney-in-</u> <u>Fact for James E. Allchin</u>

09/03/2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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