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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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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>SMITH BRADFORD L</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>ONE MICROSOFT WAY</u> (Street) <u>REDMOND WA 98052-6399</u> (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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Senior Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/22/2005</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								56,078	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)		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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Performance Rights	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	09/22/2005		A		90,750 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		08/31/2006 ⁽⁴⁾	08/31/2008	Common Stock	90,750	\$0	90,750	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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- The reporting person received an increase in the target number of shares of common stock under a shared performance stock award ("SPSA") for the fiscal 2004-2006 performance period. This amount represents the minimum number of shares of common stock that will be issued under the SPSA.
- The number of shares ultimately received depends on the company's performance against specified performance targets. At the end of the performance period, the number of shares of stock and stock awards will be determined by adjusting upward or downward from a target in a range between 33% and 150%. The number reported herein is based on the 33% minimum. The final performance percentage on which the payout will be based, considering company performance metrics established for the performance period, will be determined by the board or a board committee in its sole discretion. Shares of stock are issued at the end of the performance period and as the stock awards vest over the following two years, provided that the reporting person remains continuously employed through the applicable vest date.
- One-third of the number of shares of common stock ultimately awarded under the SPSA will be distributed to the reporting person on or about August 31, 2006 (the "initial vest date"), an additional one-third shall vest and be distributed to the reporting person on each of the first and second anniversaries of the initial vest date, provided that the Reporting Person remains continuously employed through the applicable vesting date.

Remarks:

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for Bradford L. Smith 09/26/2005

** 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).

** 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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