FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     CONNORS JOHN G							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [ MSFT ]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE MICROSOFT WAY							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2005								X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Senior Vice President and CFO			
(Street) REDMOND WA 98052-6399					4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)					-	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person											porting	
		Та	ble I - No	n-Dei	rivativ	ve Se	cur	ities Ac	quired,	Dis	posed c	of, or Be	neficially	y Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/D						ear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			Beneficia Owned F	s lly ollowing	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a	on(s)		(Instr. 4)	
Common	07/200	)5			M		564,44	4 A	\$6.222	7 826	,013	D						
Common Stock 03/07									S		390,00	0 D	\$25.50	5 436	,013	D		
Common Stock 03/07/						<sup>7</sup> /2005					50,000	) D	\$25.51	3 386	,013	D		
Common Stock 03/07/						7/2005			S		124,44	44 D \$25.		1 261	261,569			
Common Stock														32,	800	I	By Spouse	
Common Stock														6,033(1)		I	By 401(k)	
			Table II -								osed of			Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		Derivative E		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		е	7. Title an of Securit Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 a	g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins	D) Beneficial Ownership ect (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	U. (3)		
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.2227	03/07/2005			М			564,444	11/15/200	04	07/15/2006	Common Stock	564,444	\$0	0	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. 401(k) balance as of February 28, 2005

Remarks:

<u>Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-</u> <u>Fact for John G. Connors</u>

03/0<u>7/2005</u>

\*\* 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).
- \*\* 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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