

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>CONNORS JOHN G</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>MICROSOFT CORP [ MSFT ]</b>			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) <b>Senior Vice President and CFO</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>09/03/2004</b>			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		
<b>ONE MICROSOFT WAY</b>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <b>REDMOND WA 98052-6399</b>								
(City) (State) (Zip)								

**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	09/03/2004		M		400,000	A	\$6.9141	452,036	D	
Common Stock	09/03/2004		S		100,000	D	\$27.251	352,036	D	
Common Stock	09/03/2004		S		100,670	D	\$27.2	251,366	D	
Common Stock								32,800	I	By Spouse
Common Stock								5,976 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By 401(k)

**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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.9141 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/03/2004		M		400,000		01/15/2002	07/15/2006	Common Stock	400,000	\$0	508,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This option was last reported as an option for 454,000 shares at an exercise price of \$13.83 per share, but was adjusted to reflect a 2-for-1 stock split effective February 14, 2003.
- 2. 401(k) balance as of August 31, 2004

**Remarks:**

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for John G. Connors 09/07/2004

\*\* 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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