UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) January 10, 2008

Microsoft Corporation

■ (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Washington

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-14278

(Commission File Number)

One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 91-1144442 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

> 98052-6399 (Zip Code)

(425) 882-8080

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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D Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On January 10, 2008, Microsoft Corp. announced the retirement and transition plan for Jeffrey S. Raikes, president of the Microsoft Business Division. The Company also announced it has hired Stephen Elop, formerly chief operating officer of Juniper Networks, Inc., to succeed Mr. Raikes as president of the Microsoft Business Division beginning late January 2008. Mr. Raikes will continue to serve through September 2008 as a member of the Company's senior leadership team.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Date: January 11, 2008

/s/ John A. Seethoff

John A. Seethoff Assistant Secretary