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| 1. Name and GATES   |       |                              | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [ MSFT ] |                                |  |           |                              |                          |   | Relationsh heck all ap | plicable)   | Person(s) to Is   |  |  |   |  |  |
|---|-------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|-----------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---|------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE MICROSOFT WAY   |       |                              |   |                                | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/31/2007                                  |           |                              |                          |   |                        |   |   | Officer (give title Other (spec below) below)  |  |   |  |  |
| (Street) REDMOND WA 98052   |       |                              |   |                                |  |           |                              |                          |   |                        |   |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |   |  |  |
| (City)  | (Sta  | ate) (                       | Zip)  |                                |  |           |                              |                          |   |                        |   |   |  |  |   |  |  |
|   |       | Tab                          | le I - Non-D  | erivative                      | e Securi   | ties Ac   | quired                       | , Dis                    | sposed of,  | , or Ben               | eficia  | lly Own   | ed   |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)   |       |                              | Date  | ransaction<br>e<br>nth/Day/Yea | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/  | ion Date, | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |                          | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4   |                        |   | Securi<br>Benefi<br>Owned<br>Repor  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |
|   |       |                              |   |                                |  |           | Code                         | ٧                        | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D)          | Price   | (Instr.   | action(s)<br>3 and 4)  |  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 7,311   | D                      | \$36.9  | 96 877,   | 492,025 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 42,689  | D                      | \$36.9  | 95 877  | ,449,336   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 59,400  | D                      | \$36.9  | 94 877  | ,389,936   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 40,600  | D                      | \$36.9  | 93 877  | ,349,336   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 325,000   | D                      | \$36.9  | 92 877  | ,024,336   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 25,000  | D                      | \$36.9  | 91 876  | ,999,336   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 255,618   | D                      | \$36.8  | 876   | ,743,718   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 49,674  | D                      | \$36.8  | 876   | ,694,044   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 178,062   | D                      | \$36.8  | 876   | ,515,982   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 41,621  | D                      | \$36.8  | 85 876  | ,474,361   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 91,714  | D                      | \$36.8  | 876   | ,382,647   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 152,585   | D                      | \$36.8  | 33 876  | ,230,062   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 11,350  | D                      | \$36.8  | 32 876  | ,218,712   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 51,150  | D                      | \$36.8  | 876   | ,167,562   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 138,412   | D                      | \$36.   | 8 876   | ,029,150   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 90,294  | D                      | \$36.7  | 79 875  | ,938,856   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 46,295  | D                      | \$36.7  | 78 875  | ,892,561   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 73,830  | D                      | \$36.7  | 77 875  | ,818,731   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 95,507  | D                      | \$36.7  | 76 875  | ,723,224   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 89,438  | D                      | \$36.7  | 75 875  | ,633,786   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common S  | Stock |                              | 10  | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 36,350  | D                      | \$36.7  | 74 875  | ,597,436   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common Stock  |       |                              | 10  | 10/31/2007                     |  |           | S                            |                          | 36,520  | D                      | \$36.7  | 73 875  | ,560,916   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common Stock  |       |                              | 10  | 10/31/2007                     |  |           | S                            |                          | 50,850 D  |                        | \$36.7  | 72 875  | ,510,066   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common Stock 10/31.   |       |                              |   | 0/31/2007                      |  |           | S                            |                          | 10,730  | D                      | \$36.7  | 71 875,   | 499,336 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |  |  |
|   |       | Ta                           | able II - Der   |                                |  |           |                              |                          |   |                        |   | / Owned   |  |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Derivative Conversion Date Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any |       | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date | n Date, Transacti<br>Code (Ins                                      |                                | Number ferivative ecurities cquired (a) or isposed f (D) | _         | Exerci                       | isable and<br>te<br>ear) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |                        | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)   | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |  |  |

|  |  | Та   | ble II - Deriva<br>(e.g., p   |                          |                      |                                     |  | ired, Disp<br>options, (     |                         |                             |                              |                                       |   |   |   |
|--|--|--|---|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|
|  | 2.<br>Conversion                                       | 3. Transaction  Date  estimate             | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any                                     | Code<br>Transa<br>Code ( | etion                | 6A)Nu<br>of<br>Deriv                | . ,                                    | Expiration Do                | isDatate and            | 7itīētle<br>Amour<br>Securi |                              | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 9. Number of derivative Securities                  | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:                                     | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial |
| (Instr. 3)<br>1. In addition<br>reporting pers   | Price of<br>there are 425,<br>Derivative<br>sosecurity | 066 shares owned by icial owner of the sec | (Month/Day/Year)<br>reporting person's sp<br>curities for purposes of | ouse. The Section        | he repor<br>on 16 or | Secu<br>ting pe<br>Acqu<br>for Anov | rities<br>rson dis<br>ired<br>cother j | sclaims benefic<br>purposes. | ial ownership           |                             |                              |                                       | Beneficially<br>Sened be deem<br>Owned<br>Following | Direct (D)<br>ed an admissio<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                 |
| Remarks  | :  |  |   |                          |                      | Dispo<br>of (D)                     | osed<br>)                              |                              |                         | and 4)                      |                              | II Catas III 4                        | Reported<br>Transaction(s)                          |   |   |
| * Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney (Institute, Acted February 3, 2006, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, file(Institute) hibit 99.1 to Cascade Investment, L.L.C.'s Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13G with respect to Arch Capital Group Ltd. on (Institute) of the No. 005-45257, and incorporated by reference herein. |  |  |   |                          |                      |                                     |  |                              |                         |                             |                              |                                       |   |   |   |
|  |  |  |   |                          |                      |                                     |  |                              | <u>M</u>                | ichael                      | Larson*,                     | III By: /s/<br>Attorney-I             | n- <u>11/02/200</u>                                 | <br>  <u>7</u><br>  |   |
|  |  |  |   | Code                     | v                    | (A)                                 | (D)                                    | Date<br>Exercisable          | Expiration<br>Date ** : |                             | Number<br>of<br>eSolfaRespor | ting Person                           | Date  |   |   |

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