### FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  COURTOIS JEAN PHILIPPE						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  Officer (give title Other (specify			
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE MICROSOFT WAY						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/29/2003									X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Senior Vice President			
(Street) REDMO (City)	EDMOND WA 98052-6399			4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,			Code	action (Instr.							6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amoun	t	(A) or (D)	Price	Trai	saction(s) r. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	erivative Conversion Date Execution or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			Date, Transaction Code (Ins					Expirat	6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		An Se Un De Se	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Represents stock award which shall vest over 5 years at the rate of 20% on the first anniversary of the date of grant and then at the rate of 20% on each of the following four anniversaries thereafter, subject to continued employment.

### Remarks:

John A. Seethoff, Attorney-in-Fact for Jean-Philippe Courtois

10/28/2003

\*\* 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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