
**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) September 22, 2010

Microsoft Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Washington

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-14278
**(Commission
File Number)**

91-1144442
**(IRS Employer
Identification No.)**

One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

98052-6399
(Zip Code)

(425) 882-8080

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 22, 2010, Microsoft Corporation (the “Company”) entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) with the several underwriters named therein, for which Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC acted as representatives, for the issuance and sale by the Company of \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 0.875% Notes due 2013 (the “2013 Notes”), \$1,750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 1.625% Notes due 2015 (the “2015 Notes”), \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.000% Notes due 2020 (the “2020 Notes”) and \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.500% Notes due 2040 (the “2040 Notes” and, together with the 2013 Notes, the 2015 Notes and the 2020 Notes, the “Notes”).

The Notes will be issued pursuant to an indenture, dated as of May 18, 2009 (the “Base Indenture”), between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (the “Trustee”), as amended and supplemented by the Second Supplemental Indenture thereto, to be dated as of September 27, 2010, between the Company and the Trustee (the “Supplemental Indenture” and, together with the Base Indenture, the “Indenture”). A form of the Base Indenture is set forth as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-155495), filed on November 20, 2008, and is incorporated herein by reference.

In connection with the public offering of the Notes, the Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Prospectus dated November 20, 2008 and a related Prospectus Supplement dated September 22, 2010 (File No. 333-155495).

Interest on the 2013 Notes will be payable semi-annually on March 27 and September 27 of each year, commencing on March 27, 2011, to holders of record on the preceding March 15 or September 15, as the case may be. Interest on the 2015 Notes will be payable semi-annually on March 25 and September 25 of each year, commencing on March 25, 2011, to holders of record on the preceding March 15 or September 15, as the case may be. Interest on the 2020 Notes and the 2040 Notes will be payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing on April 1, 2011, to holders of record on the preceding March 15 or September 15, as the case may be.

The 2013 Notes will mature on September 27, 2013, the 2015 Notes will mature on September 25, 2015, the 2020 Notes will mature on October 1, 2020 and the 2040 Notes will mature on October 1, 2040.

The Notes will be the Company’s senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally with the Company’s other unsecured and unsubordinated debt from time to time outstanding.

The foregoing descriptions of the Underwriting Agreement and the Supplemental Indenture (including the forms of the Notes) are qualified in their entirety by the terms of such agreements. Please refer to such agreements, which are incorporated herein by reference and attached hereto as Exhibits 1.1 and 4.2, respectively.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**(d) Exhibits**

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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: September 24, 2010

/s/ Keith R. Dolliver
Keith R. Dolliver
Associate General Counsel, Legal and Corporate
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MICROSOFT CORPORATION

Underwriting Agreement

September 22, 2010

To the Representatives named in Schedule I hereto
of the Underwriters named in Schedule II hereto

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Microsoft Corporation, a corporation incorporated in the State of Washington (the “Company”), proposes, subject to the terms and conditions stated herein, to issue and sell to the Underwriters named in Schedule II hereto (the “Underwriters”), the principal amounts set forth in Schedule II hereto of its debt securities identified on Schedule I hereto (the “Securities”), to be issued under an indenture dated as of May 18, 2009, as supplemented by a second supplemental indenture thereto to be dated as of September 27, 2010, and as further amended or supplemented from time to time (the “Indenture”), between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (the “Trustee”). If the firm or firms listed in Schedule II hereto include only the firm or firms listed in Schedule I hereto, then the terms “Underwriters” and “Representatives” as used herein shall each be deemed to refer to such firm or firms.

1. Representations, Warranties and Agreements of the Company. The Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with, each of the Underwriters that:

(a) An “automatic shelf registration statement” as defined under Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), on Form S-3 (File No. 333-155495) in respect of the Securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) not earlier than three years prior to the date of this Agreement; such registration statement, and any post-effective amendment thereto, became effective on filing; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement or any part thereof has been issued and no proceeding for that purpose has been initiated or threatened by the Commission, and no notice of objection of the Commission to the use of such registration statement or any post-effective amendment thereto pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) under the Securities Act has been received by the Company; the various parts of such registration statement, including all exhibits thereto (other than the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification on Form T-1) and including any prospectus supplement relating to the Securities that is filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act and deemed by Rule 430B under the Securities Act to be part of such registration statement, each as amended at the time such part of the registration statement became effective, are hereinafter collectively called the “Registration Statement”; the base prospectus filed as part of the Registration Statement, in the form in which it was most recently filed with the Commission prior to or on the date of this Agreement, is hereinafter called the “Base Prospectus”; the final prospectus supplement to such prospectus (including the Base Prospectus) relating to the Securities, in the form filed or to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act, is hereinafter called the “Prospectus”; any preliminary

prospectus (including any preliminary prospectus supplement) relating to the Securities, in the form filed or to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b), is hereinafter called a “Preliminary Prospectus”; the Base Prospectus, as amended or supplemented immediately prior to the Applicable Time (as defined in Section 1(e) hereof), including, without limitation, any Preliminary Prospectus relating to the Securities, is hereinafter called the “Pricing Prospectus”; any reference in this Agreement to the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein that were filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or the Securities Act, as the case may be, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, on or before the date of this Agreement or the issue date of any such prospectus; any reference to “amend,” “amendment,” “supplement” or similar terms with respect to the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include any documents filed under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, as the case may be, after the date of this Agreement or the issue date of any such prospectus which are deemed to be incorporated by reference therein; and any “issuer free writing prospectus” (as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act) relating to the Securities that (x) is required to be filed with the Commission by the Company or (y) is exempt from filing pursuant to Rule 433(d)(5)(i) because it contains a description of the Securities or the offering that does not reflect the final terms is hereinafter called an “Issuer Free Writing Prospectus”;

(b) The documents incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Prospectus and the Prospectus, when they were filed with the Commission or became effective, as the case may be, conformed in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, as the case may be, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; none of such documents contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; and any further documents so filed and incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Prospectus and the Prospectus, when such documents are filed with the Commission or become effective, as the case may be, will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, as applicable, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; *provided, however*, that this representation and warranty shall not apply to any statements or omissions made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by an Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein;

(c) The Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus and the Pricing Prospectus conform, and the Prospectus and any post-effective amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus will conform, in all material respects, to the requirements of the Securities Act and the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the “Trust Indenture Act”), and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; and (i) the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto, as of their

applicable effective dates relating to the Securities, did not and will not contain any untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus, the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, as of their issue dates, did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading and (iii) the Prospectus and the Prospectus as amended or supplemented, if applicable, at the Time of Delivery (as defined in Section 2 hereof), will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; *provided, however*, that this representation and warranty shall not apply to any statements or omissions made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by an Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein;

(d) The Company has been, and continues to be, a “well-known seasoned issuer” (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act), and has not been, and continues not to be, an “ineligible issuer” (as such term is defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act), in each case as from the earliest time after the filing of the Registration Statement that the Company or another offering participant made a “*bona fide*” offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) under the Securities Act) of the Securities;

(e) As used herein, the “Disclosure Package” means, collectively, (i) the Pricing Prospectus, (ii) the Final Term Sheet prepared and filed pursuant to Section 5(b) hereof and (iii) any other Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is identified on Schedule III hereto; and the “Applicable Time” means 6:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the date of this Agreement. The Disclosure Package, as of the Applicable Time, did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus identified on Schedule III hereto does not conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Prospectus or the Prospectus; *provided, however*, that this representation and warranty shall not apply to statements or omissions made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by an Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein;

(f) The Company has not made, and, without the prior written consent of the Representatives, will not make, any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute an “issuer free writing prospectus” (as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act) required to be filed by the Company with the Commission or retained by the Company pursuant to Rule 433 under the Securities Act; *provided, however*, that the prior written consent of the Representatives shall be deemed to have been given with respect to the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses identified on Schedule III hereto; and the Company has complied, and will comply, with the requirements of Rule 433 under the Securities Act applicable to any such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, including in respect of timely filing with the Commission, legending and record-keeping;

(g) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation under the laws of the State of Washington, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

(h) The Securities have been duly authorized and, when authenticated in accordance with the Indenture and issued and delivered pursuant to this Agreement, will have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms and entitled to the benefits of the Indenture, subject, as to enforcement, to bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization and other laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law);

(i) The Indenture has been duly authorized and duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act and, when executed and delivered by the Company and the Trustee, at the Time of Delivery, will constitute, a valid and legally binding instrument of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject, as to enforcement, to bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization and other laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law); and

(j) The Indenture conforms, and the Securities will conform, to the descriptions thereof contained in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

2. Purchase and Sale of Securities. Subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company agrees to issue and sell to each of the Underwriters, and each of the Underwriters agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company, at the purchase prices set forth in Schedule I hereto the principal amounts of Securities set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in Schedule II hereto.

The Securities to be purchased by each Underwriter hereunder will be delivered by or on behalf of the Company to the Representatives for the account of such Underwriter, against payment by such Underwriter or on its behalf of the purchase price therefor by wire transfer of federal (same-day) funds, at the office of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, at 9:30 a.m. (New York City time) on September 27, 2010, or at such other time and date (not later than the fifth business day thereafter) as the Representatives and the Company may agree upon in writing, such time and date being herein called the "Time of Delivery." The Securities will be delivered by the Company to the Representatives in the form of global Securities, representing all of the Securities, which will be deposited by the Representatives on behalf of the Underwriters with The Depository Trust Company, or its nominee, for credit to the respective accounts of the Underwriters.

3. Offer and Sale of Securities by the Underwriters. Upon the authorization by the Representatives of the release of the Securities, the several Underwriters propose to offer the Securities for sale upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

4. Representations, Warranties and Agreements of the Underwriters. (a) Each Underwriter, on behalf of itself and each of its affiliates, severally and not jointly, represents and warrants to, and agrees with, the Company that it and each such affiliate have not offered, sold, purchased or delivered, and will not offer, sell, purchase or deliver, directly or indirectly, any of the Securities or distribute any offering material in relation thereto in any jurisdiction outside the United States except under circumstances that will, to the best of its or such affiliate's knowledge, result in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations thereof. In the event that the offer or sale of the Securities by an Underwriter in a jurisdiction outside the United States requires any action on the part of the Company in or with respect to such jurisdiction, such Underwriter agrees with the Company that it will use its commercially reasonable efforts to assist the Company in complying with such requirements.

(b) Each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, represents and warrants to, and agrees with, the Company and the Representatives that it has not made, and unless it obtains the prior written consent of the Company and the Representatives, it will not make, any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute an "issuer free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act) or that would otherwise constitute a "free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) required to be filed with the Commission; *provided, however*, that the prior written consent of the Company shall be deemed to have been given with respect to the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses identified on Schedule III hereto. The Company represents that it has treated or agrees that it will treat any such issuer free writing prospectus or free writing prospectus to which it so consents as an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and has complied and will comply with the requirements of Rule 433 applicable thereto, including with respect to timely filing with the Commission, legending and record-keeping.

5. Further Agreements of the Company. The Company agrees with each of the Underwriters:

(a) To prepare the Prospectus in a form reasonably approved by the Representatives and to file the Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act no later than the Commission's close of business on the second business day following the date of this Agreement or, if applicable, such earlier time as may be required by Rule 424(b); and to make no further amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement, the Pricing Prospectus or the Prospectus after the date of this Agreement and prior to the Time of Delivery which shall be reasonably disapproved by the Representatives promptly after reasonable notice thereof unless in the opinion of counsel for the Company such amendment or supplement is required by law; *provided, however*, that in the case of any periodic filing to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during such period, the Company shall furnish to the Representatives a draft of any such filing for review by the Representatives prior to filing with the Commission and shall discuss any reasonable comments that the Representatives may have with respect to such draft prior to filing;

(b) To prepare a final term sheet (the “Final Term Sheet”) reflecting the final terms of the Securities, in the form previously agreed upon by the Company and the Underwriters, and to file such Final Term Sheet as an “issuer free writing prospectus” pursuant to Rule 433 under the Securities Act prior to the close of business two business days after the date of this Agreement; *provided, however*, that the Company shall furnish the Representatives with copies of the Final Term Sheet prior to such proposed filing and shall not use or file any such document which shall be disapproved by the Representatives; and to file promptly any other Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or other material required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433 under the Securities Act in accordance with Section 1(f) hereof;

(c) To file promptly all reports and any definitive proxy or information statements required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of the Prospectus and for so long as the delivery of a prospectus (or in lieu thereof, the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the Securities Act) is required in connection with the offering or sale of the Securities (the “prospectus delivery period”); and, during the prospectus delivery period, to advise the Representatives, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of (i) the time when any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement has been filed or becomes effective or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or any amended Prospectus has been filed with the Commission (provided that no such notification need be given in connection with any such amendment or supplement consisting of a document filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the Time of Delivery unless the Representatives have advised the Company that the Underwriters have not completed the distribution of the Securities), (ii) the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, of any order suspending or preventing the use of any prospectus relating to the Securities or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or of any notice of objection of the Commission to the use of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) under the Securities Act, (iii) the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, (iv) the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for the purpose of any of the foregoing or (v) any request by the Commission for the amending or supplementing of the Registration Statement or of the Prospectus or for additional information; and, in the event of the issuance of any such stop order or any such order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus or other prospectus relating to the Securities or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or suspending any such qualification, or of any such notice of objection pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) under the Securities Act, to use promptly its reasonable best efforts to obtain the withdrawal of such order; and, in the event of any such issuance of a notice of objection, promptly to take such steps including, without limitation, amending the Registration Statement or filing a new registration statement, at its own expense, as may be necessary to permit offers and sales of the Securities by the Underwriters (references herein to the “Registration Statement” shall include any such amendment or new registration statement);

(d) To take such action as the Representatives may reasonably request to qualify the Securities for offer and sale under the securities laws of such jurisdictions as the Representatives may request and to comply with such laws so as to permit the continuance of sales and dealings therein in such jurisdictions for as long as may be necessary to complete the distribution or sale of the Securities; *provided, however*, that in connection therewith the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction;

(e) To furnish each Underwriter with one copy of the Registration Statement and, during the prospectus delivery period referred to in Section 5(c) hereof, to furnish the Underwriters with copies of the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus in New York City in such quantities as the Representatives may reasonably request (excluding, in each case, any documents incorporated by reference therein to the extent available through the Commission's EDGAR system);

(f) If, during the prospectus delivery period referred to in Section 5(c) hereof, any event shall have occurred as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made when such Prospectus is delivered, not misleading or, if for any other reason it shall be necessary in the opinion of counsel for the Company during such prospectus delivery period to amend or supplement the Prospectus or to file with the Commission any document incorporated by reference in the Prospectus in order to comply with the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or the Trust Indenture Act, to notify the Representatives and prepare and file such document and to furnish without charge to each Underwriter as many copies as the Representatives may from time to time reasonably request of an amended Prospectus or a supplement to the Prospectus which will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance;

(g) To make generally available to its securityholders as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than 18 months after the effective date of the Registration Statement (as defined in Rule 158(c) under the Securities Act), an earning statement of the Company and its subsidiaries (which need not be audited) complying with Section 11(a) of the Securities Act (including, at the option of the Company, Rule 158);

(h) During the period beginning from the date of this Agreement and continuing to and including the Time of Delivery, not to offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of, except as provided hereunder, any securities of the Company that are substantially similar to the Securities without the prior written consent of the Representatives; and

(i) To pay the Commission the required filing fees relating to the Securities within the time period required by Rule 456(b)(1) under the Securities Act.

6. **Payment of Expenses.** The Company covenants and agrees with the several Underwriters that the Company will pay or cause to be paid the following: (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of counsel for the Company and the Company's independent

registered public accounting firm in connection with the registration of the Securities under the Securities Act and all other expenses in connection with the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus and the Prospectus and amendments and supplements thereto, and any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Underwriters and dealers and any out-of-pocket costs associated with electronic delivery of any of the foregoing by the Underwriters to investors; (ii) all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Securities for offer and sale under state securities laws as provided in Section 5(d) hereof, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with such qualification and in connection with the Blue Sky and legal investment memoranda (not to exceed \$5,000); (iii) any fees charged by securities rating services for rating the Securities; (iv) the cost of preparing the Securities; (v) the fees and expenses of the Trustee and any agent of the Trustee and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Trustee and any such agent in connection with the Indenture and the Securities; and (vi) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of the Company's obligations hereunder which are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Section 6. It is understood, however, that, except as provided in this Section 6 and Sections 8 and 11 hereof, the Underwriters will pay all of their own costs and expenses, including the fees of their counsel, any transfer taxes on resale of any of the Securities by them, and any advertising expenses connected with any offers they may make.

7. Conditions of Underwriters' Obligation. The obligations of the Underwriters hereunder shall be subject, in the discretion of the Representatives, to (i) the condition that all representations and warranties of the Company herein are as of the Time of Delivery true and correct, (ii) the condition that the Company shall have performed all of its obligations hereunder theretofore to be performed and (iii) the following additional conditions:

(a) Any Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act within the applicable time period prescribed for each such filing by the rules and regulations under the Securities Act and in accordance with Section 5(a) hereof; and the Final Term Sheet provided for in Section 5(b) hereof and any other Issuer Free Writing Prospectus relating to the Securities shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433 under the Securities Act within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by Rule 433 and in accordance with Section 5(b) hereof (unless such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus is not required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433(d)(5) (i));

(b) No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any part thereof or suspending or preventing the use of the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus shall have been issued, and no proceeding for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission, and no notice of objection of the Commission to the use of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) under the Securities Act shall have been received;

(c) Keith R. Dolliver, Esq., Associate General Counsel, Legal and Corporate Affairs, and Assistant Secretary of the Company, shall have furnished to the Representatives his written opinion, dated the Time of Delivery, in form and substance substantially in the form set forth in Schedule IV hereto;

(d) Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, counsel for the Company, shall have furnished to the Representatives their written opinion and negative assurance letter, dated the Time of Delivery, in form and substance substantially in the form set forth in Schedule V hereto;

(e) Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, shall have furnished to the Representatives their written opinion and negative assurance letter, dated the Time of Delivery, with respect to the validity of the Indenture and the Securities, the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package, the Prospectus, and other related matters as the Representatives may reasonably request, and such counsel shall have received such documents and information as they may reasonably request to enable them to pass upon such matters;

(f) At the Time of Delivery, Deloitte & Touche LLP shall have furnished to the Representatives a “comfort” letter or letters, dated the Time of Delivery, as to such matters as the Representatives may reasonably request and in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives (which comfort letter or letters shall, as applicable, be substantially consistent with drafts provided by Deloitte & Touche LLP to the Representatives prior to or on the date of this Agreement or comfort letters previously delivered in respect of offerings of securities by the Company);

(g) Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there shall not have been a material adverse change in the business, financial condition or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (excluding any amendment or supplement thereto), the effect of which is in the judgment of the Representatives so material and adverse as to make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

(h) On or after the date of this Agreement there shall not have occurred any of the following: (i) a suspension or material limitation in trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange; (ii) a suspension or material limitation in trading of any securities issued by the Company; (iii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities declared by either Federal or New York State authorities; (iv) the outbreak or escalation of hostilities involving the United States or the declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war; or (v) the occurrence of any other calamity or crisis affecting the financial markets of the United States, if the effect of any such event specified in clause (iv) or (v) in the reasonable judgment of the Representatives makes it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

(i) On or after the date of this Agreement and prior to the Time of Delivery (i) no downgrading shall have occurred in the rating assigned to the Company’s debt securities by Standard and Poor’s Rating Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill

Companies, Inc., or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and (ii) neither of these rating organizations shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, with possible negative implications, its rating of the Company's debt securities, the effect of which, in any event specified in clause (i) or (ii), in the reasonable judgment of the Representatives, makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; and

(j) The Company shall have furnished or caused to be furnished to the Representatives at the Time of Delivery a certificate of the Company signed by an officer of the Company reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives as to (i) the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company herein as of the Time of Delivery, (ii) the performance by the Company of all of its obligations hereunder to be performed at or prior to the Time of Delivery and (iii) the matters set forth in Sections 7(b) and 7(g) hereof.

8. Indemnification and Contribution. (a) The Company will indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which such Underwriter may become subject, under the Securities Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, or any amendment thereto, or any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading or (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus, the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, the Disclosure Package, or any "issuer free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act) relating to the offering of the Securities, or any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and will reimburse each Underwriter for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Underwriter in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred; *provided, however*, that the Company shall not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus, the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, the Disclosure Package, or any such issuer free writing prospectus, made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein.

(b) Each Underwriter will, severally and not jointly, indemnify and hold harmless the Company to the same extent as the indemnity set forth in Section 8(a) hereof, but only insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of, or omission or alleged omission to state, a material fact made in reliance upon and in

conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein, and will reimburse the Company for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Company in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under Section 8(a) or 8(b) hereof of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party shall, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under such Section 8(a) or 8(b), as the case may be, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the omission to so notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under such Section 8(a) or 8(b), as the case may be. In case any such action shall be brought against any indemnified party and it shall notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party shall be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it shall wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party and, after notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof, the indemnifying party shall not be liable to such indemnified party under such Section 8(a) or 8(b), as the case may be, for any legal expenses of other counsel or any other expenses, in each case subsequently incurred by such indemnified party, in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation; *provided, however*, that any indemnified party shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party unless (i) the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have mutually agreed to the retention of such counsel or (ii) the named parties to any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the indemnifying party and the indemnified party and representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them. It is understood that, notwithstanding the preceding sentence of this Section 8(c), the indemnifying party shall not be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to not more than one separate local counsel in any jurisdiction in which the indemnified party requires representation by separate counsel) for all such indemnified parties. No indemnifying party shall, without the written consent of the indemnified party, effect the settlement or compromise of, or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, any pending or threatened action or claim in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified party is an actual or potential party to such action or claim) unless such settlement, compromise or judgment (i) includes an unconditional release of the indemnified party from all liability arising out of such action or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to, or an admission of, fault, culpability or a failure to act, by or on behalf of any indemnified party. An indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement effected by an indemnified party without its prior written consent, but if the settlement is made with such consent, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 8 is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under Section 8(a) or 8(b) hereof in

respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, from the offering of the Securities. If, however, the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable law or if the indemnified party failed to give the notice required under Section 8(c) hereof, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to such amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Company bear to the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth on the cover page of the Prospectus. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading relates to information supplied by the Company, on the one hand, or by the Underwriters, on the other, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 8(d) were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 8(d). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to above in this Section 8(d) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8(d), no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations in this Section 8(d) to contribute are several in proportion to their respective underwriting obligations and not joint.

(e) The obligations of the Company under this Section 8 shall be in addition to any liability which the Company may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act and any

other affiliate (within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act) of any Underwriter; and the obligations of the Underwriters under this Section 8 shall be in addition to any liability which the respective Underwriters may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to each officer and director of the Company, each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act and any other affiliate (within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act) of the Company.

9. Defaulting Underwriters. (a) If any Underwriter shall default in its obligation to purchase the Securities which it has agreed to purchase hereunder, the Representatives may in their discretion arrange for themselves or another party or other parties to purchase such Securities on the terms contained herein. If within thirty-six hours after such default by any Underwriter the Representatives do not arrange for the purchase of such Securities, then the Company shall be entitled to a further period of thirty-six hours within which to procure another party or other parties satisfactory to the Representatives to purchase such Securities on such terms. In the event that, within the respective prescribed periods, the Representatives notify the Company that the Representatives have so arranged for the purchase of such Securities, or the Company notifies the Representatives that it has so arranged for the purchase of such Securities, the Representatives or the Company shall have the right to postpone the Time of Delivery for a period of not more than seven days, in order to effect whatever changes may thereby be made necessary in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or in any other documents or arrangements, and the Company agrees to file promptly any amendments to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus which in the Representatives' opinion may thereby be made necessary. The term "Underwriter" as used in this Agreement shall include any person substituted under this Section 9 with like effect as if such person had originally been a party to this Agreement with respect to such Securities.

(b) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by the Representatives and the Company as provided in Section 9(a) hereof, the aggregate principal amount of such Securities which remains unpurchased does not exceed one-eleventh of the aggregate principal amount of all the Securities, then the Company shall have the right to require each non-defaulting Underwriter to purchase the principal amount of Securities which such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder and, in addition, to require each non-defaulting Underwriter to purchase its pro rata share (based on the principal amount of Securities which such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder) of the Securities of such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters for which such arrangements have not been made; but nothing herein shall relieve a defaulting Underwriter from liability for its default.

(c) If after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by the Representatives and the Company as provided in Section 9(a) hereof, the aggregate principal amount of the Securities which remains unpurchased exceeds one-eleventh of the aggregate principal amount of all the Securities, as referred to in Section 9(b) hereof, or if the Company shall not exercise the right described in Section 9(b) hereof to require non-defaulting

Underwriters to purchase the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters, then this Agreement shall thereupon terminate, without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter or the Company, except for the expenses to be borne by the Company and the Underwriters as provided in Section 6 hereof and the indemnity and contribution agreements in Section 8 hereof; but nothing herein shall relieve a defaulting Underwriter from liability for its default.

10. Survival. The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company and the several Underwriters, as set forth in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of them, respectively, pursuant to this Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation (or any statement as to the results thereof) made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or any controlling person of any Underwriter, or the Company, or any officer or director or controlling person of the Company, and shall survive delivery of and payment for the Securities.

11. Termination. If this Agreement shall be terminated pursuant to Section 9 hereof, the Company shall not then be under any liability to any Underwriter except as provided in Sections 6 and 8 hereof; but if for any other reason any Securities are not delivered by or on behalf of the Company as provided herein, the Company will reimburse the Underwriters through the Representatives for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses approved in writing by the Representatives, including fees and disbursements of counsel, reasonably incurred by the Underwriters in making preparations for the purchase, sale and delivery of the Securities, but the Company shall then be under no further liability to any Underwriter except as provided in Sections 6 and 8 hereof.

12. Nature of Underwriters' Obligations. The Company acknowledges and agrees that (i) the purchase and sale of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the public offering price of the Securities and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company, on the one hand, and the several Underwriters, on the other hand, (ii) in connection with the offering contemplated hereby and the process leading to such transaction, each Underwriter is, and has been, acting solely as a principal and is not the agent or fiduciary of the Company directly or indirectly, (iii) no Underwriter has assumed, or will assume, an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to the offering contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company on other matters) and no Underwriter has any similar obligation to the Company with respect to the offering of the Securities contemplated hereby except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement and (iv) the Company has consulted its own legal and financial advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate.

13. Authority of Representatives. In all dealings hereunder, the Representatives shall act on behalf of each of the Underwriters, and the Company shall be entitled to act and rely upon any statement, request, notice or agreement on behalf of any Underwriter made or given by the Representatives jointly or by any Representative and may assume that such statement, request, notice or agreement has been duly authorized by such Underwriter.

14. Notices. All statements, requests, notices and agreements hereunder shall be in writing or by telephone if promptly confirmed in writing, and if to the Underwriters, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent by facsimile transmission or registered mail to the Representatives at the addresses set forth on Schedule I hereto; and if to the Company, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent by facsimile transmission or registered mail to Microsoft Corporation, One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052-6399, Attention: Corporate Vice President and Treasurer; *provided, however*, that any notice to an Underwriter pursuant to Section 8(c) hereof shall be delivered or sent by registered mail to such Underwriter at its address which, if not set forth on Schedule I hereto, shall be provided to the Company by the Representatives upon request.

15. Persons Entitled to Benefit of Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure solely to the benefit of, the Underwriters, the Company and, to the extent provided in Sections 8 and 10 hereof, the officers and directors of the Company and each person who controls the Company or any Underwriter, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and no other person shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement. No purchaser of any of the Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed a successor or assign by reason merely of such purchase.

16. Time of Essence. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement. As used herein, the term “business day” shall mean any day, other than a Saturday or a Sunday, which is not a day on which banking institutions in New York, New York are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

17. Definitive Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (written or oral) between the Company and the Underwriters, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

18. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

19. Waiver of Jury Trial. The Company and each of the Underwriters hereby irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

20. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed by any one or more of the parties hereto in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signature pages follow]

If the foregoing is in accordance with the Representatives’ understanding, please sign and return to us eight (8) counterparts hereof, and upon the acceptance hereof by the Representatives, on behalf of each of the Underwriters, this letter and such acceptance hereof shall constitute a binding agreement between each of the Underwriters and the Company.

It is understood that the Representatives’ acceptance of this letter on behalf of each of the Underwriters is pursuant to the authority set forth in a form of an Agreement among Underwriters, copies of which, to the extent practicable and upon request, shall be submitted to the Company for examination, but without any representation or warranty on the Representatives’ part as to the authority of the senders thereof.

Very truly yours,

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

By: /s/ George H. Zinn
Name: George H. Zinn
Title: Corporate Vice President, Treasurer

Accepted as of the date first written above at New York,
New York:

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC

By: /s/ ROBERT BOTTAMEDI
Name: Robert Bottamedi
Title: Vice President

BARCLAYS CAPITAL INC.

BY: /s/ PAMELA KENDALL
Name: Pamela Kendall
Title: Director

CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.

By: /s/ BRIAN BEDNARSKI
Name: Brian Bednarski
Title: Managing Director

GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO.

By: /s/ GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO.
(Goldman, Sachs & Co.)

WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC

By: /s/ CAROLYN HURLEY
Name: Carolyn Hurley
Title: Director

Acting on behalf of themselves and
the several Underwriters named herein

TERMS OF SECURITIES AND OFFERING

Underwriting Agreement: dated September 22, 2010

Registration Statement No.: 333-155495

Representatives:

Barclays Capital Inc.
745 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York 10019
Attention: Syndicate Registration
Facsimile: (646) 834-8133

Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
388 Greenwich Street
New York, New York 10013
Attention: General Counsel
Facsimile: (212) 816-7912

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
383 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10179
Attention: Investment Grade Syndicate Desk
Facsimile: (212) 834-6081

Goldman, Sachs & Co.
200 West Street
New York, New York 10282
Attention: Registration Department

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
301 S. College Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28226
Attention: Transaction Management
Facsimile: (704) 383-9165

Title of the Securities:

0.875% Notes due 2013 (the “2013 Notes”)
1.625% Notes due 2015 (the “2015 Notes”)
3.000% Notes due 2020 (the “2020 Notes”)
4.500% Notes due 2040 (the “2040 Notes” and, together with the 2013 Notes, the 2015 Notes
and the 2020 Notes, the “Notes”)

Aggregate Principal Amount:

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| 2013 Notes: | \$1,000,000,000 |
| 2015 Notes: | \$1,750,000,000 |
| 2020 Notes: | \$1,000,000,000 |
| 2040 Notes: | \$1,000,000,000 |

Denominations:

\$2,000 and multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof

Price to Public:

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| 2013 Notes: | 99.835% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from September 27, 2010 |
| 2015 Notes: | 99.561% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from September 27, 2010 |
| 2020 Notes: | 99.136% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from September 27, 2010 |
| 2040 Notes: | 98.911% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from September 27, 2010 |

Purchase Price by Underwriters:

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| 2013 Notes: | 99.685% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from September 27, 2010 |
| 2015 Notes: | 99.211% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from September 27, 2010 |
| 2020 Notes: | 98.686% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from September 27, 2010 |
| 2040 Notes: | 98.036% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from September 27, 2010 |

Maturity:

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| 2013 Notes: | September 27, 2013 |
| 2015 Notes: | September 25, 2015 |
| 2020 Notes: | October 1, 2020 |
| 2040 Notes: | October 1, 2040 |

Interest Rate:

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| 2013 Notes: | 0.875% per annum |
| 2015 Notes: | 1.625% per annum |
| 2020 Notes: | 3.000% per annum |
| 2040 Notes: | 4.500% per annum |

Interest Payment Dates:

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| 2013 Notes: | Semi-annually on March 27 and September 27, beginning on March 27, 2011 |
| 2015 Notes: | Semi-annually on March 25 and September 25, beginning on March 25, 2011 |
| 2020 Notes: | Semi-annually on April 1 and October 1, beginning on April 1, 2011 |
| 2040 Notes: | Semi-annually on April 1 and October 1, beginning on April 1, 2011 |

Sinking Fund Provisions:

None.

Other Terms:

Defeasance provisions of the Indenture shall be applicable to the Notes.

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| <u>Closing Date, Time and Location:</u> | September 27, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. (New York City time) at the office of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, 425 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017 |
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| <u>Underwriter</u> | <u>Principal Amount of 2013 Notes to be Purchased</u> | <u>Principal Amount of 2015 Notes to be Purchased</u> | <u>Principal Amount of 2020 Notes to be Purchased</u> | <u>Principal Amount of 2040 Notes to be Purchased</u> |
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| Barclays Capital Inc. | \$ 270,000,000 | \$ 472,500,000 | \$ 270,000,000 | \$ 270,000,000 |
| Citigroup Global Markets Inc. | 270,000,000 | 472,500,000 | 270,000,000 | 270,000,000 |
| J.P. Morgan Securities LLC. | 270,000,000 | 472,500,000 | 270,000,000 | 270,000,000 |
| Goldman, Sachs & Co. | 85,000,000 | 148,750,000 | 85,000,000 | 85,000,000 |
| Wells Fargo Securities, LLC | 85,000,000 | 148,750,000 | 85,000,000 | 85,000,000 |
| CastleOak Securities, L.P. | 10,000,000 | 17,500,000 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 |
| The Williams Capital Group, L.P. | 10,000,000 | 17,500,000 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 |
| Total | <u>\$ 1,000,000,000</u> | <u>\$ 1,750,000,000</u> | <u>\$ 1,000,000,000</u> | <u>\$ 1,000,000,000</u> |

ISSUER FREE WRITING PROSPECTUSES

- Final Term Sheet, dated September 22, 2010, relating to the Securities, which will be filed pursuant to Rule 433 under the Securities Act.

**FORM OF OPINION OF ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL, LEGAL AND
CORPORATE AFFAIRS, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE COMPANY**

(i) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation under the law of the State of Washington and has all corporate power and authority to conduct its business and own its properties as described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Securities and the Indenture.

(ii) The Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(iii) The Securities have been duly authorized, executed and issued by the Company.

(iv) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(v) The issuance and sale of the Securities by the Company and the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement and the Indenture will not breach or result in a default under any material loan agreement of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or other material agreement or instrument of the Company or any of its subsidiaries known to such counsel, nor will such action violate the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws or any Washington state statute or any rule or regulation that has been issued pursuant to any Washington state statute or any order known to such counsel issued pursuant to any Washington state statute by any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their properties.

(vi) No consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any Washington state governmental agency or body or, to the knowledge of such counsel, any Washington state court is required for the issuance and sale of the Securities by the Company, or the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement and the Indenture.

(vii) To the knowledge of such counsel, there are no statutes or pending or threatened legal or governmental proceedings required to be described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus which are not described as required.

(viii) Such counsel does not know of any contracts or other documents of a character required to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement which are not filed as required.

(ix) The documents incorporated by reference in the Pricing Prospectus and the Prospectus or any amendment thereto prior to the Time of Delivery (other than the financial statements or other financial data therein, as to which such counsel need not express any opinion), as of the date when they were filed with the Commission or became effective, as the case may be, complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, as applicable, and the rules and regulations of the Commission

thereunder; and such counsel has no reason to believe that any of such documents, when they were so filed or became effective, as the case may be, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made when such documents were so filed, not misleading.

In rendering such opinions, such counsel may rely as to matters of fact, to the extent such counsel deems proper, upon certificates of officers of the Company and its subsidiaries and certificates of public officials, and such counsel may rely upon the opinion of counsel for the Company as to all matters of New York state law.

**FORM OF OPINION AND NEGATIVE ASSURANCE LETTER OF COUNSEL FOR
THE COMPANY**

(i) The Indenture has been duly and validly executed and delivered by the Company and (assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery thereof by the Trustee) constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws affecting creditors' rights and remedies generally, and subject, as to enforceability, to general principles of equity, including principles of commercial reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding at law or in equity). The Indenture has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act.

(ii) The Securities have been duly and validly executed and issued by the Company and, when delivered to and paid for by the Underwriters in accordance with the terms of this Agreement (and assuming the due authentication thereof by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture), will constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws affecting creditors' rights and remedies generally, and subject, as to enforceability, to general principles of equity, including principles of commercial reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding at law or in equity), and entitled to the benefits of the Indenture.

(iii) This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by the Company.

(iv) The issue and sale of the Securities by the Company, the execution and delivery by the Company of each of the Indenture, this Agreement and the Securities and the performance by the Company of its obligations thereunder will not conflict with, constitute a default under or violate (i) New York or federal law or regulation (other than federal and state securities or blue sky laws, as to which such counsel need not express any opinion in this paragraph), or (ii) any judgment, writ, injunction, decree, order or ruling of any New York or federal court or governmental authority binding on the Company of which such counsel is aware.

(v) No consent, approval, waiver, license or authorization or other action by or filing with any New York or federal governmental authority, or to such counsel's knowledge, any New York or federal court, is required in connection with the issue and sale of the Securities by the Company, the execution and delivery by the Company of each of the Indenture, this Agreement and the Securities, the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated thereby or the performance by the Company of its obligations thereunder, except for the registration under the Securities Act, of the Securities and such consents, approvals, waivers, licenses or authorizations as may be required under state securities or blue sky laws, as to which such counsel need not express any opinion in this paragraph.

(vi) The Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act of 1933 and such counsel is not aware of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration

Statement. To the knowledge of such counsel, no proceedings therefor have been initiated or overtly threatened by the Commission and any required filing of the Prospectus and any supplement thereto pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act has been made in the manner and within the time period required by such Rule.

(vii) The statements in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the captions “Description of the Notes” and “Description of the Debt Securities,” in each case insofar as such statements constitute summaries of the legal matters or documents referred to therein, fairly present the information called for with respect to such legal matters or documents and fairly summarize the matters referred to therein in all material respects.

(viii) The statements in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption “Certain U.S. Federal Income and Estate Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders,” insofar as such statements constitute summaries of matters of U.S. federal income tax law or legal conclusions with respect thereto, fairly and accurately summarize the matters referred to therein in all material respects.

(ix) The Company is not, and immediately after giving effect to the sale of the Securities and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus will not be, required to register as an “investment company” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Such counsel shall also confirm that (a) each of the Registration Statement as of the date it first became effective under the Securities Act, and the Prospectus (including the documents incorporated by reference therein), as of the date of this Agreement, appeared on its face to be appropriately responsive, in all material respects, to the requirements of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, and (b) no facts have come to the attention of such counsel which cause such counsel to believe that (i) the Registration Statement (including the documents incorporated by reference therein), as of its most recent effective date (which is understood to be the date of this Agreement), contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) the Pricing Disclosure Package (including the documents incorporated by reference therein), as of the Applicable Time, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or (iii) the Prospectus (including the documents incorporated by reference therein), as of the date of this Agreement or as of the Time of Delivery, contained or contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

In rendering such opinions, such counsel may rely as to matters of fact, to the extent such counsel deems proper, upon certificates of officers of the Company and its subsidiaries and certificates of public officials.

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

Dated as of September 27, 2010

to

INDENTURE

Dated as of May 18, 2009

Between

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

as Issuer

and

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.,

as Trustee

0.875% Notes due 2013

1.625% Notes due 2015

3.000% Notes due 2020

4.500% Notes due 2040

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of September 27, 2010 (this “Supplemental Indenture”), between MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington (the “Company”), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., a national banking association duly organized and existing under the laws of the United States, as Trustee (the “Trustee”).

RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Company executed and delivered to the Trustee the Indenture, dated as of May 18, 2009, (the “Indenture”), to provide for the issuance of the Company’s debt securities (the “Securities”), to be issued in one or more series and a First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 18, 2009;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Indenture, the Company desires to provide for the establishment of four new series of its Securities under the Indenture to be known as its “0.875% Notes due 2013” (the “2013 Notes”), “1.625% Notes due 2015” (the “2015 Notes”), “3.000% Notes due 2020” (the “2020 Notes”) and “4.500% Notes due 2040” (the “2040 Notes” and, together with the 2013 Notes, the 2015 Notes and the 2020 Notes, the “Notes”), the form and substance and the terms, provisions and conditions thereof to be set forth as provided in the Indenture and this Supplemental Indenture;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company by duly adopted resolutions has authorized the proper officers of the Company to, among other things, determine the terms of the Securities to be issued under the Indenture and execute any and all appropriate documents necessary or appropriate to effect each such issuance;

WHEREAS, this Supplemental Indenture is being entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 901(7) of the Indenture;

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the Trustee execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to make this Supplemental Indenture a valid agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms, and to make the Notes, when executed by the Company and authenticated and delivered by the Trustee, the valid obligations of the Company, have been performed, and the execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture has been duly authorized in all respects;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

For and in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Notes by the Holders thereof, and for the purpose of setting forth, as provided in the Indenture, the forms and terms of the Notes, the Company covenants and agrees, with the Trustee, as follows:

ARTICLE 1.

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1. Definition of Terms. Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) each term defined in the Indenture has the same meaning when used in this Supplemental Indenture;
- (b) the singular includes the plural, and *vice versa*; and
- (c) headings are for convenience of reference only and do not affect interpretation.

ARTICLE 2.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF NOTES

Section 2.1. Designation and Principal Amount.

(a) There is hereby authorized and established a series of Securities under the Indenture, designated as the “0.875% Notes due 2013,” which is initially limited in aggregate principal amount to \$1,000,000,000 (except upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other 2013 Notes pursuant to Section 304, 305, 306, 906 or 1107 of the Indenture and except for any Securities which, pursuant to Section 303 of the Indenture, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered).

(b) There is hereby authorized and established a series of Securities under the Indenture, designated as the “1.625% Notes due 2015,” which is initially limited in aggregate principal amount to \$1,750,000,000 (except upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other 2015 Notes pursuant to Section 304, 305, 306, 906 or 1107 of the Indenture and except for any Securities which, pursuant to Section 303 of the Indenture, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered).

(c) There is hereby authorized and established a series of Securities under the Indenture, designated as the “3.000% Notes due 2020,” which is initially limited in aggregate principal amount to \$1,000,000,000 (except upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other 2020 Notes pursuant to Section 304, 305, 306, 906 or 1107 of the Indenture and except for any Securities which, pursuant to Section 303 of the Indenture, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered).

(d) There is hereby authorized and established a series of Securities under the Indenture, designated as the “4.500% Notes due 2040,” which is initially limited in aggregate principal amount to \$1,000,000,000 (except upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other 2040 Notes pursuant to Section 304, 305, 306, 906 or 1107 of the Indenture and except for any Securities which, pursuant to Section 303 of the Indenture, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered).

Section 2.2. Maturity.

- (a) The Stated Maturity of principal of the 2013 Notes shall be September 27, 2013.
- (b) The Stated Maturity of principal of the 2015 Notes shall be September 25, 2015.
- (c) The Stated Maturity of principal of the 2020 Notes shall be October 1, 2020.
- (d) The Stated Maturity of principal of the 2040 Notes shall be October 1, 2040.

Section 2.3. Further Issues. The Company may at any time and from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of any series of the Notes, issue additional notes of any series. Any such additional notes shall have the same ranking, interest rate, maturity date and other terms as the relevant series of the Notes. Any such additional notes of a series, together with the Notes of the relevant series herein provided for, shall constitute a single series of Securities under the Indenture.

Section 2.4. Payment. Principal of and interest on the Notes shall be payable in U.S. dollars in immediately available funds at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose in New York, New York, which shall initially be at an office of the Trustee located at 101 Barclay Street, 8W, New York, New York 10286, Attention: Corporate Trust Administration; provided, however, that payment of interest may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the Holder at such address as shall appear in the Security Register at the close of business on the Record Date for such Holder or by wire transfer to an account appropriately designated by the Holder to the Company and the Trustee; and provided, further, that the Company will pay principal of and interest on, the Notes in global form registered in the name of or held by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or such other Depositary as any Officer of the Company may from time to time designate, or its respective nominee, by wire in immediately available funds to such Depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered holder of such Notes in global form.

Section 2.5. Global Securities. Upon the original issuance, the Notes will be represented by Global Securities registered in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC. The Company will deposit the Global Securities with DTC or its custodian and register the Global Securities in the name of Cede & Co.

Section 2.6. Interest.

(a) The 2013 Notes will bear interest (computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) from September 27, 2010 at the rate of 0.875% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears. Interest payable on each Interest Payment Date will include interest accrued from September 27, 2010, or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for. The Interest Payment Dates on which such interest shall be payable are March 27 and September 27, commencing on March 27, 2011; and the Record Date for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date is the close of business on March 15 or September 15, as the case may be, next preceding the relevant Interest Payment Date.

(b) The 2015 Notes will bear interest (computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) from September 27, 2010 at the rate of 1.625% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears. Interest payable on each Interest Payment Date will include interest accrued from September 27, 2010, or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for. The Interest Payment Dates on which such interest shall be payable are March 25 and September 25, commencing on March 25, 2011; and the Record Date for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date is the close of business on March 15 or September 15, as the case may be, next preceding the relevant Interest Payment Date.

(c) The 2020 Notes will bear interest (computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) from September 27, 2010 at the rate of 3.000% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears. Interest payable on each Interest Payment Date will include interest accrued from September 27, 2010 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for. The Interest Payment Dates on which such interest shall be payable are April 1, and October 1, commencing on April 1, 2011; and the Record Date for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date is the close of business on March 15 or September 15, as the case may be, next preceding the relevant Interest Payment Date.

(d) The 2040 Notes will bear interest (computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) from September 27, 2010 at the rate of 4.500% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears. Interest payable on each Interest Payment Date will include interest accrued from September 27, 2010 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for. The Interest Payment Dates on which such interest shall be payable are April 1 and October 1, commencing on April 1, 2011; and the Record Date for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date is the close of business on March 15 or September 15, as the case may be, next preceding the relevant Interest Payment Date.

Section 2.7. Authorized Denominations. The Notes shall be issuable in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Section 2.8. Redemption and Sinking Fund. The Notes shall not be redeemable at the option of the Company or at the option of the Holders. The Notes shall not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.

Section 2.9. Ranking. The Notes shall be senior unsecured debt securities of the Company, ranking equally with the Company's other unsecured and unsubordinated debt.

Section 2.10. Appointments. The Trustee will be the initial Security Registrar and initial Paying Agent for the Notes.

Section 2.11. Defeasance. The Company may elect, at its option at any time, pursuant to Section 1301 of the Indenture, to have Section 1302 or Section 1303 in the Indenture, or both, apply to the 2013 Notes, the 2015 Notes, the 2020 Notes or the 2040 Notes, or all, or any principal amount thereof.

ARTICLE 3.

FORM OF NOTES

Section 3.1. Form of Notes. The Notes and the Trustee's Certificate of Authentication to be endorsed thereon are to be substantially in the forms set forth in Exhibits A, B, C and D hereto.

ARTICLE 4.

ORIGINAL ISSUE OF NOTES

Section 4.1. Original Issue of Notes. The Notes may, upon execution of this Supplemental Indenture, be executed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee for authentication, and the Trustee shall, upon Company Order, authenticate and deliver such Notes as in such Company Order provided.

ARTICLE 5.

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 5.1. Ratification of Indenture. The Indenture, as supplemented by this Supplemental Indenture, is in all respects ratified and confirmed, and this Supplemental Indenture shall be deemed part of the Indenture in the manner and to the extent herein and therein provided; provided, however, that the provisions of this Supplemental Indenture shall apply solely with respect to the Notes.

Section 5.2. Trustee Not Responsible for Recitals. The recitals herein contained are made by the Company and not by the Trustee, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for the correctness thereof. The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture.

Section 5.3. Governing Law. This Supplemental Indenture and each Note shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

Section 5.4. Separability. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in the Indenture, this Supplemental Indenture or the Notes shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of the Indenture, this Supplemental Indenture or the Notes, but the Indenture, this Supplemental Indenture and the Notes shall be construed as if such invalid or illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein or therein.

Section 5.5. Counterparts. This Supplemental Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

[Signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Second Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed, all as of the day and year first above written.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

By: _____
Name: George H. Zinn
Title: Corporate Vice President, Treasurer

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY,
N.A.,
as Trustee

By: _____
Name:
Title:

[FORM OF NOTE]

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION (“DTC”), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR’S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

THIS NOTE IS A GLOBAL SECURITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO HEREIN AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE THEREOF. THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR A NOTE REGISTERED, AND NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE IN WHOLE OR IN PART MAY BE REGISTERED, IN THE NAME OF ANY PERSON OTHER THAN SUCH DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE THEREOF, EXCEPT IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

0.875% Notes due 2013

CUSIP No.: 594918AF1
ISIN: US594918AF14

No. A-[1][2]

\$ 500,000,000

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington (herein called the “Company,” which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to CEDE & CO., or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$500,000,000 (FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS) on September 27, 2013, and to pay interest thereon from September 27, 2010 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for,

semi-annually on March 27 and September 27 of each year, commencing on March 27, 2011 at the rate of 0.875% per annum, until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment; provided that any principal and premium, and any such installment of interest, which is overdue shall bear interest at the rate of 0.875% per annum (to the extent permitted by applicable law), from the dates such amounts are due until they are paid or made available for payment, and such interest shall be payable on demand. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be the March 15 or September 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for will forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a “Special Record Date” for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Notes of this series not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Notes of this series may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture.

Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof, which further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee referred to on the reverse hereof by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Note to be duly executed.

Dated: September 27, 2010

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

By: _____
Name: George H. Zinn
Title: Corporate Vice President, Treasurer

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This Note is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Dated: September 27, 2010

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY,
N.A.,
as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

[REVERSE OF NOTE]

This Note is one of a duly authorized issue of securities of the Company (herein called the “Notes”), issued and to be issued in one or more series under an Indenture, dated as of May 18, 2009, and a supplemental indenture relating to such series dated as of September 27, 2010 (herein, collectively called the “Indenture,” which term shall have the meaning assigned to it in such instrument), between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (herein called the “Trustee,” which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), and reference is hereby made to the Indenture for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee and the Holders of the Securities and of the terms upon which the Notes are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. This Note is one of the series designated on the face hereof, such series initially limited in aggregate principal amount to \$1,000,000,000; provided that the Company may at any time and from time to time, without the consent of any Holder, issue additional Notes of this series.

The Notes of this series are not redeemable at the option of the Company or the Holders.

The Notes of this series are not entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.

The Indenture contains provisions for defeasance at any time of the entire indebtedness of the Notes of this series or certain restrictive covenants and Events of Default with respect to such Notes, in each case upon compliance with certain conditions set forth in the Indenture.

If an Event of Default with respect to Notes of this series shall occur and be continuing, the principal of such Notes may be declared, or shall immediately become, due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Notes of each series to be affected under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes at the time Outstanding of each series to be affected. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Notes of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holders of Notes of this series shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holders and upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note.

As provided in and subject to the provisions of the Indenture, the Holders of the Notes of this series shall not have the right to institute any proceeding with respect to the Indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or for any other remedy thereunder, unless such Holder shall have previously given the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Notes of this series, the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount

of the Notes of this series at the time Outstanding shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default as Trustee and offered the Trustee reasonable indemnity, and the Trustee shall not have received from the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Notes at the time Outstanding a direction inconsistent with such request, and shall have failed to institute any such proceeding, for 60 days after receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity. The foregoing shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Holder of this Note for the enforcement of any payment of principal hereof or any premium or interest hereon on or after the respective due dates expressed herein.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and any premium and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Note is registrable in the Security Register, upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in any place where the principal of and any premium and interest on this Note are payable, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Security Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Notes of this series and of like tenor, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Notes of this series are issuable only in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, Notes of this series are exchangeable for a like principal amount of Notes of this series and of like tenor of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Prior to due presentment of this Note for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

This Note is a Global Security and is subject to the provisions of the Indenture relating to Global Securities, including the limitations in Section 305 thereof on transfers and exchanges of Global Securities.

This Note and the Indenture shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

All terms used in this Note which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

[FORM OF NOTE]

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION (“DTC”), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR’S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

THIS NOTE IS A GLOBAL SECURITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO HEREIN AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE THEREOF. THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR A NOTE REGISTERED, AND NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE IN WHOLE OR IN PART MAY BE REGISTERED, IN THE NAME OF ANY PERSON OTHER THAN SUCH DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE THEREOF, EXCEPT IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

1.625% Notes due 2015

CUSIP No.: 594918AG9
ISIN: US594918AG96

No. A-[1][2][3][4]

\$[500,000,000] [250,000,000]

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington (herein called the “Company,” which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to CEDE & CO., or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$[500,000,000] [250,000,000] ([FIVE HUNDRED] [TWO HUNDRED FIFTY] MILLION DOLLARS) on September 25, 2015, and to pay interest thereon from September 27, 2010 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, semi-annually on March 25 and September 25

of each year, commencing on March 25, 2011 at the rate of 1.625% per annum, until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment; provided that any principal and premium, and any such installment of interest, which is overdue shall bear interest at the rate of 1.625% per annum (to the extent permitted by applicable law), from the dates such amounts are due until they are paid or made available for payment, and such interest shall be payable on demand. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be the March 15 or September 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for will forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a “Special Record Date” for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Notes of this series not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Notes of this series may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture.

Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof, which further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee referred to on the reverse hereof by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Note to be duly executed.

Dated: September 27, 2010

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

By: _____

Name: George H. Zinn

Title: Corporate Vice President, Treasurer

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This Note is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Dated: September 27, 2010

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST
COMPANY, N.A.,
as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

[REVERSE OF NOTE]

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The Notes of this series are not redeemable at the option of the Company or the Holders.

The Notes of this series are not entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.

The Indenture contains provisions for defeasance at any time of the entire indebtedness of the Notes of this series or certain restrictive covenants and Events of Default with respect to such Notes, in each case upon compliance with certain conditions set forth in the Indenture.

If an Event of Default with respect to Notes of this series shall occur and be continuing, the principal of such Notes may be declared, or shall immediately become, due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Notes of each series to be affected under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes at the time Outstanding of each series to be affected. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Notes of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holders of Notes of this series shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holders and upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note.

As provided in and subject to the provisions of the Indenture, the Holders of the Notes of this series shall not have the right to institute any proceeding with respect to the Indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or for any other remedy thereunder, unless such Holder shall have previously given the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Notes of this series, the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount

of the Notes of this series at the time Outstanding shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default as Trustee and offered the Trustee reasonable indemnity, and the Trustee shall not have received from the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Notes at the time Outstanding a direction inconsistent with such request, and shall have failed to institute any such proceeding, for 60 days after receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity. The foregoing shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Holder of this Note for the enforcement of any payment of principal hereof or any premium or interest hereon on or after the respective due dates expressed herein.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and any premium and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Note is registrable in the Security Register, upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in any place where the principal of and any premium and interest on this Note are payable, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Security Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Notes of this series and of like tenor, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Notes of this series are issuable only in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, Notes of this series are exchangeable for a like principal amount of Notes of this series and of like tenor of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Prior to due presentment of this Note for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

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[FORM OF NOTE]

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION (“DTC”), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR’S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

THIS NOTE IS A GLOBAL SECURITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO HEREIN AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE THEREOF. THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR A NOTE REGISTERED, AND NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE IN WHOLE OR IN PART MAY BE REGISTERED, IN THE NAME OF ANY PERSON OTHER THAN SUCH DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE THEREOF, EXCEPT IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

3.000% Notes due 2020

CUSIP No.: 594918AH7

ISIN: US594918AH79

No. A-[1][2]

\$500,000,000

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington (herein called the “Company,” which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to CEDE & CO., or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$500,000,000 (FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS) on October 1, 2020, and to pay interest thereon from September 27, 2010 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing on April 1, 2011 at the rate of

3.000% per annum, until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment; provided that any principal and premium, and any such installment of interest, which is overdue shall bear interest at the rate of 3.000% per annum (to the extent permitted by applicable law), from the dates such amounts are due until they are paid or made available for payment, and such interest shall be payable on demand. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be the March 15 or September 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for will forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a “Special Record Date” for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Notes of this series not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Notes of this series may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture.

Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof, which further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee referred to on the reverse hereof by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Note to be duly executed.

Dated: September 27, 2010

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

By: _____
Name: George H. Zinn
Title: Corporate Vice President, Treasurer

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Dated: September 27, 2010

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST
COMPANY, N.A.,
as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

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MICROSOFT CORPORATION

4.500% Notes due 2040

CUSIP No.: 594918AJ3
ISIN: US594918AJ36

No. A-[1][2]

\$ 500,000,000

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4.500% per annum, until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment; provided that any principal and premium, and any such installment of interest, which is overdue shall bear interest at the rate of 4.500% per annum (to the extent permitted by applicable law), from the dates such amounts are due until they are paid or made available for payment, and such interest shall be payable on demand. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be the March 15 or September 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for will forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a “Special Record Date” for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Notes of this series not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Notes of this series may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture.

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Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
767 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10153
(212) 310-8000

September 24, 2010

Microsoft Corporation
One Microsoft Way
Redmond, Washington 98052-6399

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Microsoft Corporation, a Washington corporation (the “Company”), in connection with the offer and sale by the Company of \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 0.875% Notes due 2013 (the “2013 Notes”), \$1,750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 1.625% Notes due 2015 (the “2015 Notes”), \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.000% Notes due 2020 (the “2020 Notes”), and \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.500% Notes due 2040 (the “2040 Notes” and, together with the 2013 Notes, the 2015 Notes and the 2020 Notes, the “Notes”), pursuant to the underwriting agreement, dated as of September 22, 2010 (the “Underwriting Agreement”), by and among the Company and Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives of the underwriters named in Schedule II to the Underwriting Agreement.

In so acting, we have examined originals or copies (certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction) of (i) the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-155495), filed by the Company on November 20, 2008 (including documents incorporated by reference therein, the “Registration Statement”); (ii) the Company’s prospectus, dated November 20, 2008 (including the documents incorporated by reference therein, the “Base Prospectus”), which forms a part of the Registration Statement; (iii) the Company’s prospectus supplement, dated September 22, 2010 (including the documents incorporated by reference therein, the “Prospectus Supplement”), relating to the offering of the Notes; (iv) base indenture dated as of May 18, 2009 between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, as supplemented by a Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 27, 2010 between the Company and the Trustee; and (v) such corporate and limited liability company records, agreements, documents and other instruments, and such certificates or comparable documents of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Company, and have made such inquiries of such officers and representatives, as we have deemed relevant and necessary as a basis for the opinion hereinafter set forth. We have also assumed (i) the valid existence of the Company, (ii) that the Company has the requisite corporate power and authority to enter into and perform the Notes and (iii) the due authorization, execution and delivery of the Notes by the Company. We refer to the Base Prospectus as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement as the “Prospectus.”

In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed or photostatic copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. As to all questions of fact material to this opinion that have not been independently established, we have relied upon certificates or comparable documents of officers and representatives of the Company.

Based on the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications stated herein, we are of the opinion that, when executed and delivered by the Company in accordance with the terms of Indenture and the Second Supplemental Indenture thereto, issued and sold as described in the Prospectus Supplement and authenticated by the Trustee in accordance with the Indenture, the Notes will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

The opinions expressed above with respect to validity, binding effect and enforceability are subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws affecting creditors' rights and remedies generally and subject, as to enforceability, to general principles of equity, including principles of commercial reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding at law or in equity) and except that rights to indemnification and contribution thereunder may be limited by federal or state securities laws or public policy relating thereto. The opinions expressed herein are limited to the laws of the State of New York and we express no opinion as to the effect on the matters covered by this letter of the laws of any other jurisdiction.

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference of this letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to our firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

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September 24, 2010

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am Associate General Counsel, Legal and Corporate Affairs, and Assistant Secretary of Microsoft Corporation, a Washington corporation (the "**Company**"). I have acted in such capacity in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "**Registration Statement**") filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, relating to the issuance by the Company of \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 0.875% Notes due 2013 (the "**2013 Notes**"), \$1,750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 1.625% Notes due 2015 (the "**2015 Notes**"), \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.000% Notes due 2020 (the "**2020 Notes**"), and \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.500% Notes due 2040 (the "**2040 Notes**" and, together with the 2013 Notes, the 2015 Notes and the 2020 Notes, the "**Notes**"). The Notes are being issued pursuant to a base indenture dated as of May 18, 2009 between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "**Trustee**"), as supplemented by a Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 27, 2010 between the Company and the Trustee (together, the "**Indenture**").

I have examined the Registration Statement and the form of the Indenture, which has been filed. I also have examined the originals, or duplicates or certified or conformed copies, of such corporate and other records, agreements, documents and other instruments and have made such other investigations as I have deemed relevant and necessary in connection with the opinion hereinafter set forth. As to questions of fact material to this opinion, I have relied upon certificates or comparable documents of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Company.

In rendering the opinion set forth below, I have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to me as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to me as duplicates or certified or conformed copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. I also have assumed that the Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Trustee.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications, assumptions and limitations stated herein, I am of the opinion that the Notes have been duly authorized and, when executed and delivered in accordance with the Indenture, will be duly executed and delivered by the Company in accordance with the law of the State of Washington.

The opinion set forth above is subject to (i) the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, (ii) general equitable principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) and (iii) an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

I do not express any opinion herein concerning any law other than the law of the State of Washington.

In rendering its opinion, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP may rely upon this opinion as to matters of the law of the State of Washington addressed herein as if this opinion were addressed directly to them.

I hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed with the Commission and thereby incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ KEITH R. DOLLIVER

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and Corporate Affairs, and
Assistant Secretary