FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Washington, D.C. 20549

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			or Section 30(n) of the investment Company Act of 1940					
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GATES WILLIAM H III</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  MICROSOFT CORP [ MSFT ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) ONE MICROSOFT WAY (Street)	` ,	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/02/2007		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		
(Street) REDMOND (City)	WA (State)	98052 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	ridual or Joint/Group Filing ( Form filed by One Repor Form filed by More than ( Person	ting Person		

(City) (State)	) (State) (Zip)											
Tal	ble I - Non-Derivative S	Securities Acq	uired	Dis	posed of,	or Ber	eficially	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		40,250	D	\$29.48	879,118,278	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		48,481	D	\$29.47	879,069,797	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		30,661	D	\$29.46	879,039,136	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		15,000	D	\$29.45	879,024,136	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		18,800	D	\$29.44	879,005,336	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		13,609	D	\$29.43	878,991,727	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		2,000	D	\$29.42	878,989,727	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		5,200	D	\$29.41	878,984,527	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		5,400	D	\$29.4	878,979,127	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		2,130	D	\$29.39	878,976,997	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		10,500	D	\$29.38	878,966,497	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		9,600	D	\$29.37	878,956,897	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		800	D	\$29.36	878,956,097	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		3,300	D	\$29.34	878,952,797	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		161	D	\$29.33	878,952,636	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		13,200	D	\$29.32	878,939,436	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		900	D	\$29.31	878,938,536	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		26,200	D	\$29.3	878,912,336	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		15,200	D	\$29.29	878,897,136	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		86,770	D	\$29.28	878,810,366	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		25,600	D	\$29.27	878,784,766	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		16,950	D	\$29.26	878,767,816	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		70,980	D	\$29.25	878,696,836	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		87,500	D	\$29.24	878,609,336	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		5,992	D	\$29.23	878,603,344	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		61,250	D	\$29.22	878,542,094	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		22,758	D	\$29.2	878,519,336	D			
Common Stock	08/02/2007		S		20,000	D	\$29.12	878,499,336(1)	D			

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. In addition		1 066 shares owned by	reporting person's sp		n 16 or		(D)		Expiration Date	Title of these	Amount or setumber, a of Shares	nd this report	shall not be deem	ed an admissio	on that the
	Security					(A) or Dispo	sed			Securi and 4)	y (Instr. 3 Amount or Number		Following Reported Transaction(s)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Security Z. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	(A) or		(Month/Day/Year)		Security (Instr. 3 and 14 and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Following Sumper of Reported Gerivative Transfities For Transfit Beneficially Owned	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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<sup>\*</sup> Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated February 3, 2006, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed as Exhibit 99.1 to Cascade Investment, L.L.C.'s Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13G with respect to Arch Capital Group Ltd. on March 7, 2006, SEC File No. 005-45257, and incorporated by reference herein.

William H. Gates III By: /s/

Michael Larson\*, Attorney-In- 08/06/2007

**Fact** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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