FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT	OF CHANGES IN	N BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GATES WILLIAM H III						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]							(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(Fi CROSOFT	rst) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Yea 11/11/2005						h/Day/Year)				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Chairman of the Board				
(Street)	ND W	A 9	98052		Amen	dment,	Date	of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					·			Reporting Person		
(City)	(St	ate) (Zip)										Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tabl	le I - N	on-Deriv	/ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quire	d, Di	sposed o	f, or B	enefi	ciall	y Own	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye		Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		nd 5) Securit Benefic Followi			6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Pric	Transaction(s)				(Instr. 4)
Common	Stock			11/11/2	2005				S		500	D	\$2	7.36	1,005	5,498,836	D	
Common	Stock			11/11/2	2005				S		72,559	D	\$27	7.357	1,005	5,426,277	D	
Common	Stock			11/11/2	2005				S		26,941	D	\$2	7.35	1,005	5,399,336	D	
Common	Stock			11/11/2	2005				S		50,000	D	\$2	7.34	1,005	5,349,336	D	
Common	Stock			11/11/2	2005				S		175,000	D	\$2	7.33	1,005	5,174,336	D	
Common	Stock			11/11/2	2005				S		25,000	D	\$2	7.32	1,005	5,149,336	D	
Common	Stock			11/11/2	2005				S		100,000	D	\$2	7.31	1,005	5,049,336	D	
Common Stock			11/11/2	2005				S		250,000	D	\$2	\$27.3 1,004		1,799,336	D		
Common Stock			11/11/2	/11/2005						39,098	D	\$2	\$27.29 1		1,760,238	D		
Common	Stock			11/11/2	2005				S		90,902	D	\$2	7.28	1,004	1,669,336	D	
Common	Stock			11/11/2	2005				S		20,000	D	\$2	7.27	1,004	1,649,336	D	
Common	Stock			11/11/2	2005				S		50,000	D	\$2	7.23	1,004	1,599,336	D	
Common	Stock			11/11/2	2005				S		100,000	D	\$2	27.2	1,004,	499,336 ⁽¹⁾	D	
		Та	able II					•			osed of, o			•	Owned			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) 3. Transaction Execution Date (Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Year)) (Month/Day/Year) 3. Transaction Execution Date (Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Year)) (Month/Day/Year) 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Derivative Securitie Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		mber ative rities ired osed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		8. De Se (Ir	Price of erivative ecurity estr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)						
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	sable	Expiration Date		Amour or Number of Shares	er				

Explanation of Responses:

1. In addition, there are 425,066 shares owned by reporting person's spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purpose of Section 16 or for any other purposes.

* Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated February 4, 2005, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed as Exhibit 99.3 to Cascade Investment, L.L.C.'s Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13G with respect to Canadian National Railway Company on February 11, 2005, SEC File No. 005-48661, and incorporated by reference herein.

William H. Gates III By: /s/ Michael Larson*, Attorney-In- 11/15/2005

Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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