FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DEPIETRO KENNETH A</u>				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [ MSFT ]									Check all a Di	nship of Reporting ( applicable) Director Officer (give title below) Corporate Vic		10% C	wner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE MICROSOFT WAY					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/30/2004												Other (specify below)  ce President		
(Street) REDMO			98052-639 Zip)	99	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								i. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					Execution Date		n Date,	Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3,			nd Sec Ber Ow	mount of urities eficially ned Following orted	For (D)	Ownership m: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Tra	nsaction(s) tr. 3 and 4)			(1130.4)
Common	Stock			08/30	)/2004		F		350 D		D	\$27	7.3 17,995			D			
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	titve Conversion Date Execution Date, Transaction or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any Code (Instr.		Transa Code (	ransaction of Code (Instr. Derivative		Expiratio	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		y	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			(A)	(D)	Date Expiration Exercisable Date Title Share:														

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth A. DiPietro

08/31/2004

\*\* 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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