FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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]											olicable)	g Person	Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		
(Last) ONE MI	nst) (First) (Middle) NE MICROSOFT WAY					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/23/2007										Offic belov	er (give title w)	Other (: below)			
(Street) REDMO (City)			98052 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																					
Date				2. Transa Date (Month/D	eay/Year) Ex		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)				and Secur Benef Owne		cially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	()	A) or D)	Price	Rep Trar (Ins		ea ction(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 07/23					/2007	2007			S		41,436		D	\$31.	.15	895,543,100		D			
Common Stock 07				07/23	23/2007				S		38,264 D		D	\$31.	.14	895,504,836		D			
Common Stock 07/2				07/23	3/2007				S		3,800		D	\$31.	.13	895,501,036		D			
Common Stock 07/23/2					/2007				S		1,700		D	\$31.	.12	895,499,336(1)		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) 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)			n Date, ay/Year) -	Code (8)	ransaction of ode (Instr. Deriva		ative rities ired osed	6. Date Expiration (Month/II) Date Exercise	on Dat	Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instand 4) Amou or Numb of		ount nber	Der Sec	rice of ivative urity tr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Own Forn Direc or In (I) (Ir	ership 1: ct (D) direct 1str. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			

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 purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes.

* 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- 07/25/2007

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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