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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on November 28, 2012.**



ATTENTION: INVESTOR RELATIONS
ONE MICROSOFT WAY
REDMOND, WA 98052

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting
For holders as of: September 14, 2012
Date: November 28, 2012 **Time:** 8:00 a.m. PT
Location: Meydenbauer Center
11100 NE 6th Street
Bellevue, Washington
Meeting live via the Internet—please visit
www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/MSFT12.

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com, scan the QR code on the reverse side, or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

This notice also constitutes Notice of the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

Before You Vote

How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com, or scan the QR code below.

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

- 1) BY INTERNET: www.proxyvote.com
- 2) BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) BY E-MAIL*: sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

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How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods



Vote In Person: Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the Meeting you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Internet: Go to www.proxyvote.com or from a smart phone, scan the QR Barcode above. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → XXXX XXXX XXXX available and follow the instructions.

During The Meeting: Go to www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/MSFT12. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → XXXX XXXX XXXX available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" EACH OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES, "FOR" PROPOSAL 10, "FOR" PROPOSAL 11, "FOR" PROPOSAL 12 and "AGAINST" PROPOSAL 13.

Election of Directors: (The Board recommends a vote FOR this proposal)

1. Steven A. Ballmer
2. Dina Dublon
3. William H. Gates III
4. Maria M. Klawe
5. Stephen J. Luczo
6. David F. Marquardt
7. Charles H. Noski
8. Helmut Panke
9. John W. Thompson

10. Advisory Vote on Named Executive Officer Compensation
(The Board recommends a vote FOR this proposal)
11. Approval of Employee Stock Purchase Plan
(The Board recommends a vote FOR this proposal)
12. Ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent auditor for fiscal year 2013
(The Board recommends a vote FOR this proposal)
13. Shareholder Proposal – Adopt cumulative voting
(The Board recommends a vote AGAINST this proposal)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR EACH PROPOSAL

- 1. * ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: STEVEN A. BALLMER ----->>> FOR ----->>> 1.
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- 2. * ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: DINA DUBLON ----->>> FOR ----->>> 2.
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- 3. * ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: WILLIAM H. GATES III ----->>> FOR ----->>> 3.
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- 4. * ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: MARIA H. KLAME ----->>> FOR ----->>> 4.
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- 5. * ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: STEPHEN J. LUCZO ----->>> FOR ----->>> 5.
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- 6. * ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: DAVID F. MARQUARDT ----->>> FOR ----->>> 6.
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- 7. * ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: CHARLES H. NOSKI ----->>> FOR ----->>> 7.
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- 8. * ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: HELMUT PANKE ----->>> FOR ----->>> 8.
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- 9. * ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: JOHN W. THOMPSON ----->>> FOR ----->>> 9.
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- 10. * ADVISORY VOTE ON NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION ----->>> FOR ----->>> 10.
(THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THIS PROPOSAL) 0029440
- 11. * APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN ----->>> FOR ----->>> 11.
(THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THIS PROPOSAL) 0020801
- 12. * RATIFICATION OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ----->>> FOR ----->>> 12.
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 0010280
(THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THIS PROPOSAL)
- 13. * SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL - ADOPT CUMULATIVE VOTING ----->>> AGN ----->>> 13.
(THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL) 0060206

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