

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gates III William H. (Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">One Microsoft Way (Street)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Redmond WA 98052-6399 (City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MICROSOFT CORPORATION (MSFT)</p> <p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)</p>	<p>4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year) 2/27/2003</p> <p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Chairman of the Board; Chief Software Architect <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</p> <hr/> <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		58,900	D	23.31			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		41,000	D	23.32			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		41,079	D	23.37			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		3,000	D	23.38			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		92,050	D	23.39			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		23,971	D	23.40			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		40,000	D	23.41			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		72,100	D	23.43			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		27,900	D	23.44			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		69,000	D	23.55			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		30,900	D	23.56			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		100	D	23.57			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		27,750	D	23.66			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		13,300	D	23.68			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		33,950	D	23.69			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		25,000	D	23.70			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		70,621	D	23.74			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		50,000	D	23.75			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		29,379	D	23.76			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		50,000	D	23.77			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		4,103	D	23.80			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		2,900	D	23.81			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		1,000	D	23.82			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		32,300	D	23.83			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		40,050	D	23.84			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		140,626	D	23.85			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		115,100	D	23.86			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		1,200	D	23.87			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		46,300	D	23.88			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		129,250	D	23.89			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		90,371	D	23.90			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		43,900	D	23.91			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		13,400	D	23.92			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		7,500	D	23.93			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		72,600	D	23.95			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		133,500	D	23.96			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		155,500	D	23.97			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		93,300	D	23.98			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		10,800	D	23.99			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		46,700	D	24.00			
Common Stock	2/27/03		S		19,600	D	24.01	1,209,498,600	D	
Common Stock								736	I	Through an entity owned by the reporting person
Common Stock								428,520*	I	Held by spouse

