

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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<div>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</div> <div><div>Gates IIIWilliamH.</div><div>(Last)(First)(Middle)</div><div>One Microsoft Way</div><div>(Street)</div><div>RedmondWA98052-6399</div><div>(City)(State)(Zip)</div></div>	<div>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</div> <div>MICROSOFT CORPORATION (MSFT)</div> <div>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)</div>	<div>4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year)</div> <div>2/28/2003</div> <div>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</div>	<div>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)</div> <div>Chairman of the Board; Chief Software Architect</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</div> <div>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</div>
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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	2/28/03		S		7,647	D	23.30			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		7,300	D	23.56			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		31,400	D	23.57			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		53,466	D	23.58			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		10,180	D	23.59			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		93,789	D	23.60			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		41,180	D	23.61			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		12,162	D	23.62			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		72,714	D	23.63			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		20,162	D	23.64			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		11,765	D	23.65			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		56,717	D	23.66			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		2,020	D	23.67			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		93,723	D	23.68			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		18,884	D	23.69			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		23,218	D	23.70			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		73,262	D	23.71			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		137,369	D	23.72			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		38,263	D	23.73			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		30,777	D	23.74			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		63,883	D	23.75			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		600	D	23.76			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		31,570	D	23.77			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		3,604	D	23.78			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		22,527	D	23.79			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		170,905	D	23.80			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		55,023	D	23.81			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		15,920	D	23.82			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		100	D	23.83			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		42,070	D	23.86			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		90,512	D	23.87			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		37,681	D	23.88			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		64,900	D	23.89			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		178,600	D	23.90			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		16,419	D	23.91			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		31,104	D	23.92			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		51,630	D	23.93			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		99,388	D	23.94			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		37,620	D	23.95			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		100,249	D	23.96			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		19,400	D	23.97			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		2,630	D	23.98			
Common Stock	2/28/03		S		27,667	D	23.99	1,207,498,600	D	
Common Stock								736	I	Through an entity owned by the

										reporting person
Common Stock								428,520*	I	Held by spouse

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)
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<p>Explanation of Responses:</p> <p><b>* The reporting officer 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 purpose.</b></p>
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/s/ Michael Larson

2/28/03

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

Attorney-in-fact.

Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated March 14, 2001, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed as Exhibit B to Cascade Investment's Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D with respect to Pan American Silver Corp. on March 19, 2001, SEC File No. 005-52919, and incorporated by reference herein.

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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