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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GATES WILLIAM H III</u> | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT] | | | | | | | | | | k all app | olicable) | g Person(s) to I | |
|---|--|--|---------------|--|---|--|---|--------|---|--------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE MICROSOFT WAY | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2017 | | | | | | | | | | Offic belov | er (give title w) | Other (specify below) | |
| (Street) REDMOND WA 98052 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Indi Line) X | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - | Non-Deriv | /ative | e Seci | uritie | s A | cqui | red, I | Dispo | sed o | f, or E | Benefic | cially | Owne | ed | | |
| Da | | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y | ear) | 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) Secur Benef Owne | | cially I Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amour | nt | (A) or (D) | Price | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock 02 | | | | | 17 | 7 | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | П | 4,9 | 00 | D | \$64.4858 ⁽²⁾ | | 178,988,034(3) | | D | |
| Common Stock 02/01/3 | | | | | 17 | , | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,995 | 5,100 | D | \$63.846(4) | | 176,992,934(3) | | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | 02/02/201 | .7 | | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,000 | 0,000 | D | \$63.1122 ⁽⁵⁾ | | 174, | 992,934 ⁽³⁾ | 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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Exec if an | Deemed cution Date, y nth/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Expiration (Month/Da | | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | Der Sec (Ins | rice of ivative curity tr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisabl | | | iration e | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The sales reported in this filing were made pursuant to the 10b5-1 sales plan of the reporting person.
- 2. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$64.4750 to \$64.5500. The price set forth above reflects the weighted-average price per share. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
- 3. In addition, there are 424,816 shares owned by the spouse of the reporting person. 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.
- 4. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$63.4750 to \$64.4700. The price set forth above reflects the weighted-average price per share. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
- 5. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$62.7500 to \$63.3900. The price set forth above reflects the weighted-average price per share. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.

/s/ Alan Heuberger, Attorneyin-fact for William H. Gates III

02/03/2017

** 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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