FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	. OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* COURTOIS JEAN PHILIPPE					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify						
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MICROSOFT CORPORATION ONE MICROSOFT WAY				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2005									X Office (give tide Office (Specify below) Senior Vice President							
(Street) REDMOND WA 98052-6399			_ 4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting							
(City)	(St	ate) (Zip)											Person						
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yea		ear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Cod	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
						Cod	de V	A	mount	(A) o (D)	Pr	rice	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)							
Common	Stock		08/01/200)5			F			514	D	\$	25.92	378,597		D				
Common	Stock													437,087		I	"c	ontra Issura	rough ts ance vie"	
Common	Stock													66,133		I	"c	ontra	rough ts de zation'' ⁽²⁾	
Common	Stock													66,133		I	"c	ontra	rough ts de zation" ⁽²⁾	
Common Stock													66,133	I	Held through "contrats de capitalization" ⁽²⁾					
		Та	ble II - Deriva e.g., p							posed o										
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				Code	e V	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	sable	Expiration Date		tle	of Shares							

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Held through "contrats d'assurance vie," a form of life insurance program, where the reporting person maintains investment control over the Microsoft shares held in the program. Beneficiaries of the program include the reporting person's minor children. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 2. Held through "contrats de capitalization," a form of life insurance program for the benefit of the reporting person's three minor children, where the reporting person maintains investment control over the Microsoft shares held in the program. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

Remarks:

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for Jean-Philippe Courtois

08/03/2005

** 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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