Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHI	IΙΡ

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BURGUM DOUGLAS J</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]									all applic Directo	r		10% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE MICROSOFT WAY							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/24/2004									r (give title) Senior Vice Pre		Other (specify below) esident	
(Street) REDMOND WA 98052-6399					- 4. I	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)												Persor	l			
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deri	vativ	e Sec	curit	ties Ac	quired	Dis	posed o	f, or Be	nefici	ally	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D						ar) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			and 5) Securition Securities Securition Securities Securitie		es ally Following	Form (D) o	: Direct C Indirect E str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)			Price	Transact		ion(s)			(Instr. 4)				
Common Stock 08/24/						2004			М		12,940) A	\$7.7	273	870,849		D		
Common Stock														5,412(1)		I		3y 401(k)	
	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)	Execution	Date,		Transaction Code (Instr.				xercis n Dat ay/Ye			ies g Securit	D S	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	r					
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$7.7273	08/24/2004			М			12,940	07/25/20	04	07/25/2010	Common Stock	12,94	0	\$0	12,942	2	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. 401(k) balance as of July 31, 2004.

Remarks:

John A. Seethoff, Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas J. Burgum

08/26/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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