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*  GATES WILLIAM H III							2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  MICROSOFT CORP [ MSFT ]								(Che	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE MICROSOFT WAY							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/03/2006								X	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  Chairman of the Board				
(Street) REDMOND WA 98052						4. If <i>A</i>	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting												on	
(City) (State) (Zip)																Pers		е шап опе кер	orting	
			Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quired	, Dis	sposed of	, or E	3ene1	ficially	Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)				2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		Disposed O	Acquired (A) or f (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
										Code	٧	Amount	(D)	-	rice	(Instr.	3 and 4)			
Common					11/03/					S		15,600			528.92	_	,483,736	D		
Common					11/03/					S		14,500		_	\$28.9	-	,469,236	D		
Common Stock					11/03/				S		36,600	1		528.88	-	,432,636	D			
Common Stock					11/03/				S	┝	200	I		528.86	_	,432,436	D			
Common Stock					11/03/				S		8,756			\$28.85	_	,423,680	D			
Common					11/03/					S		62,144	1		\$28.84 \$28.83	_	,361,536	D D		
Common					11/03/					S		35,200		_	528.78		,326,136	D		
Common					11/03/		┢			S		1,000		_	S28.77	-	,325,136	D		
Common					11/03/		┢			S		102,743	+-	_	28.75	-	,222,393	D		
Common					11/03/					S		147,757	1	_	S28.74		,074,636	D		
Common					11/03/					S		38,670	1 [	_	S28.73		,035,966	D		
Common					11/03/					S		153,322	_		528.72	_	,882,644	D		
Common Stock					11/03/	┢			S		210,279	_	_	S28.71		,672,365	D			
Common Stock				11/03/				S		635,408	08 D S		\$28.7	954,036,957		D				
Common Stock				11/03/			S		125,890	90 D \$		S28.69	9 953,911,067		D					
Common Stock				11/03/			S		182,131	Г	D \$28.6		953,728,936		D					
Common Stock				11/03/			S		36,400	Г	) {	S28.67	953,692,536		D					
Common Stock				11/03/2006				S		124,300	Г	) {	28.66	953,568,236		D				
Common Stock				11/03/2006				S		37,500	Γ	) \$	28.65	953,530,736		D				
Common Stock 1					11/03/	11/03/2006				S		500	Г	) {	28.64	953,530,236		D		
Common Stock 11/03/2						2006				S		30,900	D		S28.63	953,4	199,336 <sup>(1)</sup>	D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	L. Title of Operivative Conversion Date Execution Execution or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		ned 4. n Date, Transac Code (Ir		5. Number tion of			Exerci	te	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8.   De Se (In	Price of rivative curity str. 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			Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	or Numb of Share	er						

## Explanation of Responses:

1. In addition, there are 425,066 shares owned by reporting person's spouse. 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 purpose of Section 16 or for any other purposes.

## Remarks

\* Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated February 3, 2006, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed as Exhibit 99.1 to Cascade Investment, L.L.C.'s Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13G with respect to Arch Capital Group Ltd. on March 7, 2006, SEC File No. 005-45257, and incorporated by reference herein.

William H. Gates III By: /s/

Michael Larson\*, Attorney-In- 11/07/2006

**Fact** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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