

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>COURTOIS JEAN PHILIPPE</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>ONE MICROSOFT WAY</u> (Street) <u>REDMOND WA 98052-6399</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Senior Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/12/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	11/12/2004		S		200,000	D	\$30.06	240,160	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2004		A		135,947 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	376,107	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2004		P		198,081	A	\$30.19	198,081	I	Held through "contrats d'assurance vie" ⁽²⁾
Common Stock								66,133	I	Held through "contrats de capitalization" ⁽³⁾
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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents stock award which shall vest over 5 years at the rate of 20% on November 15, 2005, and then at the rate of 20% on each November 15 thereafter, subject to continued employment.
- 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.
- 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 11/16/2004

** 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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