## FORM 4

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington,	D.C.	20549
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STATEMENT	<b>OF CHANGES</b>	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  CONNORS JOHN G					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  MICROSOFT CORP [ MSFT ]										(Check all ap		olicable) ctor		Owner	
(Last) ONE MIC	ast) (First) (Middle) NE MICROSOFT WAY				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/02/2004										X	Officer (give title below)  Senior Vice President and C		<b>′</b>		
(Street) REDMO			98052-63 (Zip)	99	4. If	Ame	endment,	Date o	Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Forn	or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable in filed by One Reporting Person in filed by More than One Reporting ison			
		Tab	le I - Noi	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curitie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Bene	efici	ally (	Owne	ed			
			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		r)   I	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (	Transaction Code (Instr.					4 and Secu Bene		icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect		
								Code	v	Amount		A) or D)	Price	Tran		action(s) 3 and 4)		(1130.4)		
Common Stock			08/02	08/02/2004				F		424		D	\$28.52		53,019		D			
Common Stock															32,800		I	By Spouse		
Common Stock															5,976(1)		I	By 401(k)		
		Та	able II - I (								sed of, onvertib					vned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Price of Derivative Security  3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)  Code (8)				6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	n Date	е	Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of		ount nber	nt er		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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

## Remarks:

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for John G. Connors

08/04/2004

\*\* 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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