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 $^{\star}$ $\underline{SMITH~BRADFORD~L}$						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [ MSFT ]									heck all ap	pplicable) ector		Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE MICROSOFT WAY						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/30/2004										icer (give title Other (spow) below)  Senior Vice President		
(Street) REDMOND WA 98052-639 (City) (State) (Zip)			99	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ne) X Foi Foi	ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  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. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)					nd Secu Bene	nount of rities ficially ed Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
						Code	v	Amount	ount (A) or (D)		Price	Trans	saction(s) 3 and 4)		(111501.4)			
Common Stock 08/30/							2004		F		540 D		\$27	.3	49,975	D		
	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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,		saction e (Instr. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		vative urities uired or oosed o) tr. 3, 4 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares		ount nber	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Remarks:

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for Bradford L. Smith

09/01/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Da

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).
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