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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1 1. Nume and Address of Reporting Ferson			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MICROSOFT CORP</u> [MSFT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
GAILS WI				X	Director	10% Owner		
(Last) ONE MICROS	(First) OFT WAY	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/22/2013		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(Street) REDMOND	WA	98052		X	Form filed by One Report	0		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(
Common Stock	04/22/2013		S ⁽¹⁾		7,394,507	D	\$30.9153 ⁽²⁾	413,592,452 ⁽³⁾	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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	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			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

1. The sales reported in this filing were made pursuant to the 10b5-1 sales plan of the reporting person.

2. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$30.7500 to \$31.0350. The price set forth above reflects the weighted-average price per share. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.

3. In addition, there are 424,816 shares owned by the spouse of the reporting person. 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 purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes.

/s/ Alan Heuberger, Attorney-

in-fact for William H. Gates III

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

04/24/2013

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

 \ast If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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