MICROSOFT CORP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Person

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **GATES WILLIAM H III** Issuer Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify ONE MICROSOFT WAY 02/13/2006 below) Chairman of the Board (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

REDMOND, WA 98052

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or				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)		
Common	02/13/2006		Code V S	Amount 3,300	(D) D	Price \$	980,496,036	D			
Stock	02/13/2000		5	3,300	D	26.69	700,470,030	D			
Common Stock	02/13/2006		S	6,400	D	\$ 26.68	980,489,636	D			
Common Stock	02/13/2006		S	8,000	D	\$ 26.67	980,481,636	D			
Common Stock	02/13/2006		S	36,600	D	\$ 26.66	980,445,036	D			
Common Stock	02/13/2006		S	20,700	D	\$ 26.65	980,424,336	D			

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Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	68,768	D	\$ 26.64	980,355,568	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	37,621	D	\$ 26.63	980,317,947	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	111,286	D	\$ 26.62	980,206,661	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	3,638	D	\$ 26.61	980,203,023	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	102,702	D	\$ 26.6	980,100,321	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	34,040	D	\$ 26.59	980,066,281	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	190,807	D	\$ 26.58	979,875,474	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	290,328	D	\$ 26.57	979,585,146	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	132,958	D	\$ 26.56	979,452,188	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	52,852	D	\$ 26.55	979,399,336	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	37,387	D	\$ 26.54	979,361,949	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	50,000	D	\$ 26.53	979,311,949	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	50,000	D	\$ 26.52	979,261,949	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	62,613	D	\$ 26.51	979,199,336	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	25,233	D	\$ 26.46	979,174,103	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	74,767	D	\$ 26.45	979,099,336	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	19,052	D	\$ 26.44	979,080,284	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	95,005	D	\$ 26.43	978,985,279	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	90,025	D	\$ 26.42	978,895,254	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	100	D	\$ 26.41	978,895,154	D
	02/13/2006	S	132,842	D	\$ 26.4	978,762,312	D

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	208,573	D	\$ 26.39	978,553,739	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S	50,000	D	\$ 26.38	978,503,739	D
Common Stock	02/13/2006	S			\$ 26.37		D

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.		5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transa	ction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	unt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code		of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Unde	rlying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Derivative	•		Secur	rities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative					Securities			(Instr	. 3 and 4)	
	Security					Acquired					
						(A) or					
						Disposed					
						of (D)					
						(Instr. 3,					
						4, and 5)					
										Amount	
							Date	Expiration	m	or	
							Exercisable	Date	Title	Number	
										of	
				Code	V	(A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
GATES WILLIAM H III ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052	X		Chairman of the Board					

Signatures

William H. Gates III By: /s/ Michael Larson*,
Attorney-In-Fact

02/15/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).
 - In addition, there are 425,066 shares owned by reporting person's spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these
- (1) 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 4, 2005, by an Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.