MICROSOFT CORP

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GATES WILLIAM H III			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Chech an approach)
ONE MICROS	SOFT WAY		(Month/Day/Year) 07/31/2006	_X_ Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
REDMOND, V	VA 98052		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie omr Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 a	d of (D))	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 Stock	07/31/2006		S	400	D		972,498,936	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2006		S	18,700	D	\$ 24.37	972,480,236	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2006		S	13,800	D	\$ 24.36	972,466,436	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2006		S	33,900	D	\$ 24.35	972,432,536	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2006		S	36,000	D	\$ 24.34	972,396,536	D	

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Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	43,800	D	\$ 24.33	972,352,736	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	32,100	D	\$ 24.32	972,320,636	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	79,000	D	\$ 24.31	972,241,636	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	41,700	D	\$ 24.3	972,199,936	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	58,900	D	\$ 24.29	972,141,036	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	35,100	D	\$ 24.28	972,105,936	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	4,950	D	\$ 24.27	972,100,986	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	11,200	D	\$ 24.26	972,089,786	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	43,850	D	\$ 24.25	972,045,936	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	18,000	D	\$ 24.24	972,027,936	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	12,000	D	\$ 24.23	972,015,936	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	36,900	D	\$ 24.22	971,979,036	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	42,600	D	\$ 24.21	971,936,436	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	65,400	D	\$ 24.2	971,871,036	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	54,650	D	\$ 24.19	971,816,386	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	265,900	D	\$ 24.18	971,550,486	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	42,962	D	\$ 24.17	971,507,524	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	58,688	D	\$ 24.16	971,448,836	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	49,100	D	\$ 24.15	971,399,736	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	106,900	D	\$ 24.14	971,292,836	D
	07/31/2006	S	123,100	D		971,169,736	D

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Common Stock					\$ 24.13		
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	198,000	D	\$ 24.12	970,971,736	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	41,200	D	\$ 24.11	970,930,536	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	38,300	D	\$ 24.1	970,892,236	D
Common Stock	07/31/2006	S	41,000	D	\$ 24.09	970,851,236 (1)	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 Exer	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Date	Expiration	Title 1	Number		
						Exercisable	Date	(of		
				Code V	(A) (D)			5	Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships s					
	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

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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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 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 3, 2006, by ar 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.

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