GATES WILLIAM H III

Form 4 May 08, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GATES WILLIAM H III**

(Middle)

ONE MICROSOFT WAY

(Street)

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/06/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

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X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

REDMOND, WA 98052

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - I	Non	-Derivative Sec	urities	Acquired	Disposed of, or	Beneficially (Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)				4. Securities A on Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and)	d (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	11/20/2007		G	V	24,368,890	D	\$0	833,130,446	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008		S		10,100	D	\$ 29.85	833,120,346	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008		S		18,500	D	\$ 29.84	833,101,846	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008		S		600	D	\$ 29.835	833,101,246	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008		S		13,300	D	\$ 29.83	833,087,946	D	
	05/06/2008		S		3,500	D	\$ 29.82	833,084,446	D	

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	43,400	D	\$ 29.81	833,041,046	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	50,000	D	\$ 29.8	832,991,046	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	30,000	D	\$ 29.79	832,961,046	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	48,000	D	\$ 29.78	832,913,046	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	96,600	D	\$ 29.77	832,816,446	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	66,300	D	\$ 29.76	832,750,146	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	1,200	D	\$ 29.755	832,748,946	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	88,800	D	\$ 29.75	832,660,146	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	34,900	D	\$ 29.74	832,625,246	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	63,872	D	\$ 29.73	832,561,374	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	69,381	D	\$ 29.72	832,491,993	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	21,120	D	\$ 29.71	832,470,873	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	36,027	D	\$ 29.7	832,434,846	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	4,400	D	\$ 29.69	832,430,446	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	19,050	D	\$ 29.66	832,411,396	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	42,401	D	\$ 29.65	832,368,995	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	120,200	D	\$ 29.64	832,248,795	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	118,349	D	\$ 29.63	832,130,446	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	21,801	D	\$ 29.62	832,108,645	D
	05/06/2008	S	142,957	D	\$ 29.6	831,965,688	D

Common Stock							
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	2,842	D	\$ 29.595	831,962,846	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	91,139	D	\$ 29.59	831,871,707	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	41,261	D	\$ 29.58	831,830,446	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	23,620	D	\$ 29.56	831,806,826 (1)	D

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

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Unde Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secun Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	, ,	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
GATES WILLIAM H III								
ONE MICROSOFT WAY	X							
REDMOND, WA 98052								

Signatures

William H. Gates III By: /s/ Michael Larson*, 05/08/2008 Attorney-In-Fact

3 Reporting Owners

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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 purposes 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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