MICROSOFT CORP

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1(b).

(City)

(State)

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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 **BALLMER STEVEN A** Issuer Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title ONE MICROSOFT WAY 11/11/2010 below) Chief Executive Officer (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 98052-6399 Person

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Ta | ble I - Non | -Derivative So | ecuriti | es Acquired | l, 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities and Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and Amount | (D) | ed (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 Stock | 11/11/2010 | | S | 3,137,730 | D | \$ 26.6273 | 355,773,608 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/12/2010 | | S | 27,800 | D | \$ 26.5031 | 355,745,808 | 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amount | t of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underly | ing | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securitie | es | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | S | hares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

BALLMER STEVEN A ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052-6399

X Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for Steven A.

Ballmer 11/15/2010

> **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).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$26.50 to \$26.72. The price reported above reflects the weighted (1) average purchase price. 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$26.50 to \$26.51. The price reported above reflects the weighted (2) average purchase price. 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.

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