

SINOFSKY STEVEN J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SINOFSKY STEVEN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
 _____ Other (specify below)
 President, Windows Division

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O MICROSOFT CORPORATION, ONE MICROSOFT WAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/27/2010

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

REDMOND, WA 98052-6399

(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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 12/27/2010 | | M | A | 44,444 (1) \$ 25.1438 | 737,951 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/27/2010 | | S | D | 44,444 (1) \$ 28.1 | 693,507 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2010 | | M | A | 44,444 (1) \$ 25.1438 | 737,951 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2010 | | S | D | 44,444 (1) \$ 27.93 | 693,507 | 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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 25.1438 | 12/27/2010 | | M | 44,444 (1) | 02/20/2006 02/20/2011 | Common Stock 44,444 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 25.1438 | 12/29/2010 | | M | 44,444 (1) | 02/20/2006 02/20/2011 | Common Stock 44,444 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SINOFSKY STEVEN J C/O MICROSOFT CORPORATION ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052-6399 | | | President, Windows Division | |

Signatures

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for Steven J. Sinofsky
Date: 12/29/2010

__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).

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The exercise of the stock option and the sale of the underlying shares were made under a 10b5-1 plan previously adopted by the reporting person.

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