

GATES WILLIAM H III  
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# FORM 4

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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 \*  
**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  
 (Month/Day/Year)

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

**ONE MICROSOFT WAY**

**02/08/2006**

Chairman of the Board

(Street)

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**

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/08/2006		S		50,000	D	\$ 27.04
Common Stock	02/08/2006		S		35,320	D	\$ 27.02
Common Stock	02/08/2006		S		14,680	D	\$ 27
Common Stock	02/08/2006		S		100,000	D	\$ 26.93
Common Stock	02/08/2006		S		100,000	D	\$ 26.92

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Common Stock	02/08/2006	S	146,900	D	\$ 26.9	988,052,436	D
Common Stock	02/08/2006	S	131,300	D	\$ 26.89	987,921,136	D
Common Stock	02/08/2006	S	43,034	D	\$ 26.88	987,878,102	D
Common Stock	02/08/2006	S	256,574	D	\$ 26.87	987,621,528	D
Common Stock	02/08/2006	S	422,192	D	\$ 26.86	987,199,336	D
Common Stock	02/08/2006	S	100,000	D	\$ 26.85	987,099,336	D
Common Stock	02/08/2006	S	100,000	D	\$ 26.84	986,999,336	D
Common Stock	02/08/2006	S	100,000	D	\$ 26.83	986,899,336	D
Common Stock	02/08/2006	S	43,239	D	\$ 26.81	986,856,097	D
Common Stock	02/08/2006	S	156,761	D	\$ 26.8	986,699,336	D
Common Stock	02/08/2006	S	100,000	D	\$ 26.78	986,599,336	D
Common Stock	02/08/2006	S	100,000	D	\$ 26.73	986,499,336	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
					Code V (A) (D)				
							Title		

Date	Expiration	Amount
Exercisable	Date	or
		Number
		of
		Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	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

02/10/2006

\_\_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).
- (1) 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 4, 2005, by an

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