MICROSOFT CORP

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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) | (Last) (First) (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (energial applicable) | | | |
| ONE MICROSOFT WAY | | • | (Month/Day/Year) 08/04/2008 | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| REDMOND, WA 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) Ta | ble I - Non | -Derivative So | ecuriti | ies Acquired | l, Disposed of, or | Beneficially (| Owned |
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| 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 on Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 an | (D) | red (A) or Price | 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 | 08/04/2008 | | S | 1,000,000 | D | \$ 25.3008 | 802,130,446 (2) | 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)

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| r g | 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*,
Attorney-In-Fact

08/06/2008

**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 \$25.20 to \$25.50. The price reported above reflects the weighted 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.
- In addition, there are 424,816 shares owned by the 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 an

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