GATES WILLIAM H III

Form 4

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(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

ONE MICROSOFT WAY

(Month/Day/Year)

11/18/2008

X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

REDMOND, WA 98052

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) anv (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

D

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Common Stock

11/18/2008

1,529 773,132,479 \$0 (2)

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						
F	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*, 11/20/2008 Attorney-In-Fact

> **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)** Represents stock award which is fully vested on the date of grant.
- In addition, there are 424,816 shares owned by the reporting person's spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of **(2)** 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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