### **GATES WILLIAM H III**

Form 4

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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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may continue.

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GATES WILLIAM H III |              |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  |  |  |
|---|--------------|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |              |          | MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]                              | (Check all applicable)  |  |  |  |
| (Last)  | (First)      | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction                    |   |  |  |  |
| ONE MICROSOFT WAY   |              |          | (Month/Day/Year)<br>07/30/2007                     | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)                         |  |  |  |
|   | (Street)     |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original                     | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check   |  |  |  |
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Person

#### REDMOND, WA 98052

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tab   | le I - Non-                            | Derivative S                           | Securi  | ties Acqu   | ired, Disposed of,   | or Beneficiall   | y Owned   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 | d of (Ľ | <b>)</b> )  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common                               |   |   | Code V                                 | Amount                                 | (D)     | Price<br>\$ | (Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 07/30/2007                              |   | S                                      | 100                                    | D       | э<br>29.44  | 888,499,236  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 07/30/2007                              |   | S                                      | 6,290                                  | D       | \$<br>29.43 | 888,492,946  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 07/30/2007                              |   | S                                      | 2,400                                  | D       | \$<br>29.42 | 888,490,546  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 07/30/2007                              |   | S                                      | 3,900                                  | D       | \$<br>29.41 | 888,486,646  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 07/30/2007                              |   | S                                      | 165,300                                | D       | \$ 29.4     | 888,321,346  | D  |   |
|                                      | 07/30/2007                              |   | S                                      | 142,120                                | D       |             | 888,179,226  | D  |   |

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| Common<br>Stock |            |   |         |   | \$<br>29.39 |             |   |
|-----------------|------------|---|---------|---|-------------|-------------|---|
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 101,666 | D | \$<br>29.38 | 888,077,560 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 40,270  | D | \$<br>29.37 | 888,037,290 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 93,171  | D | \$<br>29.36 | 887,944,119 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 37,885  | D | \$<br>29.35 | 887,906,234 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 147,691 | D | \$<br>29.34 | 887,758,543 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 144,391 | D | \$<br>29.33 | 887,614,152 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 71,936  | D | \$<br>29.32 | 887,542,216 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 116,178 | D | \$<br>29.31 | 887,426,038 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 107,233 | D | \$ 29.3     | 887,318,805 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 56,600  | D | \$<br>29.29 | 887,262,205 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 58,146  | D | \$<br>29.28 | 887,204,059 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 65,625  | D | \$<br>29.27 | 887,138,434 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 126,366 | D | \$<br>29.26 | 887,012,068 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 171,667 | D | \$<br>29.25 | 886,840,401 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 60,143  | D | \$<br>29.24 | 886,780,258 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 66,374  | D | \$<br>29.23 | 886,713,884 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 67,611  | D | \$<br>29.22 | 886,646,273 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 35,801  | D | \$<br>29.21 | 886,610,472 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 117,480 | D | \$ 29.2     | 886,492,992 | D |
|                 | 07/30/2007 | S | 123,316 | D |             | 886,369,676 | D |

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| Common<br>Stock |            |   |        |   | \$<br>29.19 |                    |   |
|-----------------|------------|---|--------|---|-------------|--------------------|---|
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 18,820 | D | \$<br>29.18 | 886,350,856        | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 78,100 | D | \$<br>29.17 | 886,272,756        | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 13,000 | D | \$<br>29.16 | 886,259,756        | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 07/30/2007 | S | 16,466 | D | \$<br>29.15 | 886,243,290<br>(1) | D |

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. DrNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, |                     | ate                | 7. Titl<br>Amou<br>Under<br>Securi<br>(Instr. | nt of<br>lying                         | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|---|--|
|   |   |                                      | Code V                                  | 4, and 5)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address           | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| GATES WILLIAM H III<br>ONE MICROSOFT WAY | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |
| REDMOND, WA 98052                        | Λ             |           |         |       |  |  |  |

# **Signatures**

William H. Gates III By: /s/ Michael Larson\*, Attorney-In-Fact

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\*\*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).
- 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 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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