

LIDDELL CHRISTOPHER P
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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 *
LIDDELL CHRISTOPHER P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MICROSOFT CORPORATION, ONE MICROSOFT WAY

(Street)

REDMOND, WA 98052-6399

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 05/09/2005 | | A | | 50,000 (1) | A | \$ 0 50,000 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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| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Performance Rights | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | 05/09/2005 | | A | 48,400 ⁽³⁾ | 08/31/2006 ⁽⁴⁾ 08/31/2008 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LIDDELL CHRISTOPHER P C/O MICROSOFT CORPORATION ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052-6399 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-fact for Christopher P. Liddell 05/10/2005

__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 shall vest over 5 years at the rate of 20% on May 9, 2006, and then at the rate of 20% on each May 9 thereafter, subject to continued employment.
- (2) 1-for-1
- (3) Represents the minimum number of shares of common stock issuable under a shared performance stock award ("SPSA") for the fiscal 2004-2006 performance period. The number of shares ultimately received depends on the company's performance against specified performance targets. At the end of the performance period, the number of shares of stock and stock awards will be determined by adjusting upward or downward from a target in a range between 33% and 150%. The number reported herein is based on the 33% minimum. The final performance percentage on which the payout will be based, considering company performance metrics established for the performance period, will be determined by the board or a board committee in its sole discretion. Shares of stock are issued at the end of the performance period and as the stock awards vest over the following two years, provided that the reporting person remains continuously employed through the applicable vest date.
- (4) One-third of the number of shares of common stock ultimately awarded under the SPSA will be distributed to the reporting person on or about August 31, 2006 (the "initial vest date"), an additional one-third shall vest and distributed to the reporting person on each of the first and second anniversaries of the initial vest date, provided that the Reporting Person remains continuously employed through the applicable vesting date.

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