MICROSOFT CORP

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

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

(First)

(Street)

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 (Month/Day/Year)

11/16/2004

(Check all applicable)

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

Chairman of the Board

ONE MICROSOFT WAY

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

REDMOND, WA 98052

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-	-Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of, o	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. Securitie oner Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (I	D)	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	11/16/2004		S	99,876	D	\$ 27.1	1,095,399,460	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2004		S	62,375	D	\$ 27.11	1,095,337,085	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2004		S	190,000	D	\$ 27.12	1,095,147,085	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2004		S	9,466	D	\$ 27.12	1,095,137,619	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2004		S	65,535	D	\$ 27.13	1,095,072,084	D	
	11/16/2004		S	103,648	D		1,094,968,436	D	

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Common Stock					\$ 27.14		
Common Stock	11/16/2004	S	62,100	D	\$ 27.15	1,094,906,336	D
Common Stock	11/16/2004	S	7,000	D	\$ 27.16	1,094,899,336	D
Common Stock	11/16/2004	S	50,000	D	\$ 27.17	1,094,849,336	D
Common Stock	11/16/2004	S	211,600	D	\$ 27.18	1,094,637,736	D
Common Stock	11/16/2004	S	238,400	D	\$ 27.19	1,094,399,336	D
Common Stock	11/16/2004	S	125,178	D	\$ 27.2	1,094,274,158	D
Common Stock	11/16/2004	S	296,300	D	\$ 27.21	1,093,977,858	D
Common Stock	11/16/2004	S	100,700	D	\$ 27.22	1,093,877,158	D
Common Stock	11/16/2004	S	200,000	D	\$ 27.23	1,093,677,158	D
Common Stock	11/16/2004	S	150,000	D	\$ 27.24	1,093,527,158	D
Common Stock	11/16/2004	S	10,000	D	\$ 27.27	1,093,517,158	D
Common Stock	11/16/2004	S	17,822	D	\$ 27.28	1,093,499,336 (1)	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Date	Amount of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	Underlying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	S	(Instr. 3 and 4)		Owne
	Security				Acquired				Follo
					(A) or				Repo
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					of (D)				(Instr
					(Instr. 3,				

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4, and 5)

						Amount
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of
Code V	(A)	(D)				Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Toporous o mar round / radiacoss	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GATES WILLIAM H III ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052	X	X	Chairman of the Board				

Signatures

Michael Larson, on behalf of William H. Gates III. Authorized under power of attorney dated 3/14/2001 by William H. Gates III, filed on 3/19/2001 with Cascade Investment's Schedule 13D, SEC File No. 005-52919.

11/18/2004

**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 428,520 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.

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