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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **CONNORS JOHN G** Issuer Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title ONE MICROSOFT WAY 03/07/2005 below) Senior Vice President and CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting REDMOND, WA 98052-6399 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) our Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			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			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price \$			
Stock	03/07/2005		M	564,444	A	6.2227	826,013	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2005		S	390,000	D	\$ 25.505	436,013	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2005		S	50,000	D	\$ 25.513	386,013	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2005		S	124,444	D	\$ 25.541	261,569	D	
Common Stock							32,800	I	By Spouse

Common Stock

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By 401(k)

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivated any Code Securited (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired Dispose			ative Expiration Date ties (Month/Day/Year) red (A) or sed of (D)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Employee				Code V	5) (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun Numbe Shares
Stock Option (right to	\$ 6.2227	03/07/2005		M		564,444	11/15/2004	07/15/2006	Common Stock	564,4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

CONNORS JOHN G ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052-6399

Senior Vice President and CFO

Signatures

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Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for John G.

Connors 03/07/2005

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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) 401(k) balance as of February 28, 2005

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