

MICROSOFT CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 17, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D)**  
**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) March 15, 2016**

**Microsoft Corporation**  
**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**Washington**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)**

**0-14278**  
**(Commission)**

**91-1144442**  
**(IRS Employer)**

**File Number)**

**Identification No.)**

**One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**98052-6399**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(425) 882-8080**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws**

Effective March 15, 2016, pursuant to Washington Business Corporation Act, RCW 23B.10.020(3), Microsoft Corporation (the Company) amended its Articles of Incorporation to remove the reference to the Company's registered office and agent. The name and address of the Company's registered office and agent are available in the Company's latest annual report on file with the Washington Secretary of State.

A copy of the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation is included as Exhibit 3.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(c) Exhibits*

3.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Microsoft Corporation

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: March 17, 2016

/S/ JOHN A. SEETHOFF  
John A. Seethoff  
Corporate Secretary

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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