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obligation may conti <i>See</i> Instru- 1(b).	s Section 17(a) of the F	Public Ut		ling Con	ipany	Act of	of 1935 or Secti	on			
(Print or Type R	esponses)											
			Symbol Issuer					5. Relationship o Issuer	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to ner			
(Last)	MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]					(Check all applicable)						
(N				3. Date of Earliest Transaction(Month/Day/Year)09/22/2005					Director I0% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President			
DEDMOND	(Street)			ndment, Da th/Day/Year)	-	l		6. Individual or Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by		Person		
	, WA 98053-6399							Person		1 0		
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Ac	equired, Disposed	of, or Benefici	ally Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deen Execution any (Month/D	n Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) of (D d of (D d and (A) or)) 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)			
Common Stock	09/22/2005			Code V A	Amount 8,200 (1)	(D) A	Price \$ 0	56,671	D			
Common Stock								20	Ι	By dependent child		
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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 Exer	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secu
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									or		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
COLE DAVID WAYNE ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98053-6399			Senior Vice President					
Signatures								
Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in- W. Cole	David	09/26/2005						
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting		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 August 31, 2006, and then at the rate of 20% on each August 31 thereafter, subject to continued employment.

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