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(Print or Type	e Responses)									
GATES WILLIAM H III Symbo			2. Issuer Name a mbol ICROSOFT			ıg	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (Date of Earliest	-			(Check all applicable)				
			Month/Day/Year) 2/09/2005				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman of the Board			
DEDMON	(Street)		If Amendment, led(Month/Day/Y	-	1		6. Individual or Join Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by On Form filed by Mo	ne Reporting Per	son	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					Person			
	` , ,	-				_	uired, Disposed of,		-	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Dat any	1			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	02/09/2005		S	200,000	D	\$ 26.23	1,065,299,336	D		
Common Stock	02/09/2005		S	100,000	D	\$ 26.2	1,065,199,336	D		
Common Stock	02/09/2005		S	200,000	D	\$ 26.19	1,064,999,336	D		
Common Stock	02/09/2005		S	100,000	D	\$ 26.14	1,064,899,336	D		
Common Stock	02/09/2005		S	300,000	D	\$ 26.11	1,064,599,336	D		
	02/09/2005		S	100,000	D	\$ 26.1		D		

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number. Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	;	Date	Secur	ınt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
GATES WILLIAM H III ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052	Х		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.

**Signature of Reporting Person

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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Common Stock

1,064,499,336 (1)

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