

MICROSOFT CORP

Form 4

August 31, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LIDDELL CHRISTOPHER P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O MICROSOFT
CORPORATION, ONE
MICROSOFT WAY**

(Street)

REDMOND, WA 98052-6399

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/31/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/31/2006		A	(1) 148,134	A \$ 0 197,534	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)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Rights	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	08/31/2006		M		48,400 ⁽³⁾		08/31/2006	08/31/2008	Common Stock	48,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LIDDELL CHRISTOPHER P C/O MICROSOFT CORPORATION ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052-6399			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-fact for Christopher P. Liddell

08/31/2006

****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).

Represents shared performance stock award (SPSA) granted in May 2005 for a 3-year performance period that ended on June 30, 2006.

The number of shares is based on the achievement of pre-defined performance criteria. One-third of the SPSA vested on and was

- (1) distributed to the reporting person on August 31, 2006, an additional one-third shall vest and be distributed to the reporting person on each of August 31, 2007 and August 31, 2008, provided that the reporting person remains continuously employed through the applicable vesting date.

- (2) 1-for-1

- (3) Performance right converted into shared performance stock award. This performance right was previously reported as a 33% minimum of the target performance metrics established for a 3-year performance period that ended on June 30, 2006.

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