GATES WILLIAM H III Form SC 13G/A February 12, 2007

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 14)*

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.00000625 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

594918104

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2006

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- o Rule 13d-1(b)
- o Rule 13d-1(c)
- ý Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 594918104

1.	Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) William H. Gates III			
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)			
	(a) o			
	(b)	0		
3.	SEC Use Only			
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organization United States			
N. I. C	5.		Sole Voting Power 937,499,336	
Number of Shares	6		Ch d W-4: D	
Beneficially Owned by	6.		Shared Voting Power 0	
Each	7.		Sole Dispositive Power	
Reporting Person With			937,499,336	
reison with	8.		Shared Dispositive Power 0	
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 937,499,336			
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o			
11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 9.6%			
12.	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN			
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Item 1.				
	(a)	Name of Issuer		
		Microsoft Corporation (the Issuer)		
	(b)	Address of Issuer s Principal Executive Offices		
		One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052		
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Item 2.		N. CD 577		
	(a)	Name of Person Filing		
		William H. Gates III		
	(b)	Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence		
		One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052		
	(c)	Citizenship		
		United States of America		
	(d)	Title of Class of Securities		
		Common Stock, \$0.00000625 par value per share		
	(e)	CUSIP Number		
		594918104		
Item 3.	If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:			
item 5.	Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.			
	(a)	0	780).	
	(b)	0	Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).	
			Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15	
	(c)	0	U.S.C. 78c).	
	(d)	0	Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment	
			Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8).	
	(e)	0	An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);	
	(f)	0	An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with	
			§240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);	
	(g)	0	A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §	
			240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);	
	(h)	O	A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal	
			Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);	
	(i)	O	A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment	
			company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of	
			1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);	
	(j)	O	Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).	
	Not Applicable			

Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

937,499,336

(b) Percent of class:

9.6%

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

937,499,336

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

0

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

937,499,336

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following o.

Not Applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not Applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding

Company or Control Person

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification

Not Applicable

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 12, 2007 Date

WILLIAM H. GATES III

By /s/ Michael Larson

Name: Michael Larson* Title: Attorney in fact

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^{*} Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney in fact, dated February 3, 2006, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed as Exhibit 99.1 to Cascade Investment, L.L.C. s Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13G with respect to Arch Capital Group Ltd. on March 7, 2006, SEC File No. 005 45257, and incorporated by reference herein.