

MICROSOFT CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 11, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT**  
**TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) November 9, 2004

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**Microsoft Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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Washington

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-14278  
(Commission File Number)

91-1144442  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington

98052-6399

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(425) 882-8080

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

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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):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On January 6, 2005, John G. Connors informed Microsoft Corporation management that he intended to retire from his position as Chief Financial Officer effective as of a date yet to be determined. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Connors' decision is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**SIGNATURES**

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: January 11, 2005

/s/ Bradford L. Smith

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Bradford L. Smith

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press release dated January 11, 2005