

MICROSOFT CORP  
Form 8-K  
June 16, 2006

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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) June 15, 2006

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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**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**98052-6399**  
(Zip Code)

**(425) 882-8080**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On June 15, 2006, Microsoft Corporation ( Microsoft ) issued a press release to announce that effective July 2008, Bill Gates, Microsoft s Chairman and Chief Software Architect, will transition out of a day-to-day role at the company. As further described in the attached press release, after a two-year transition process to ensure a smooth and orderly transfer of Mr. Gates daily responsibilities, Mr. Gates will continue to serve as Chairman and an advisor on key development projects beyond 2008.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Microsoft Corporation dated June 15, 2006

**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: June 16, 2006

/s/ CHRISTOPHER P. LIDDELL  
**Christopher P. Liddell**  
**Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer**

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99.1	Press release dated June 15, 2006