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(Print or Type Responses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> GATES WILLIAM H III				er Name an OSOFT C			-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/03/2005				(Check all applicable) <u>X</u> Director <u>10%</u> Owner <u>X</u> Officer (give title <u>Other (specify below)</u> Chairman of the Board			
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 			
(City)										y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	saction Date 2A. Deemed			3. 4. Securities Acquired Transactior(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	08/03/2005			S	37,254	D	\$ 26.91	1,019,587,956	D		
Common Stock	08/03/2005			S	14,620	D	\$ 26.9	1,019,573,336	D		
Common Stock	08/03/2005			S	49,000	D	\$ 26.88	1,019,524,336	D		
Common Stock	08/03/2005			S	25,000	D	\$ 26.87	1,019,499,336 (1)	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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (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								
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William H. Gates III By: /s/ Michael Larson*, Attorney-In-Fact <u>**</u>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 425,066 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.

Remarks:

* Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated February 4, 2005, by an

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