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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1

to

FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 91-1144442 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Microsoft Way
Redmond, Washington 98052-6399
(425) 882-8080
(Address, including zip code, and telephone
number including area code, of registrant s principal
executive office)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: Not applicable.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. x

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box. "

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said section 8(a), may determine.

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On August 14, 1998, Microsoft Corporation (Microsoft) filed a Registration Statement on Form S-3, SEC 1933 Act Number 333-61507 (the Registration Statement) covering 63,60th ares of Microsoft s common stock (the Common Stock) on behalf of certain Selling Shareholders of Microsoft.

The Registration Statement was filed in order to register shares of Common Stock issued to former shareholders of Valence Research, Incorporated (Valence). Microsoft acquired Valence on August 7, 1998.

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization between Microsoft and certain former shareholders of Valence, Microsoft s obligations to maintain the effectiveness of the Registration Statement expired on August 7, 2000. Accordingly, Microsoft hereby de-registers all of its Common Stock registered pursuant to the Registration Statement and remaining unsold thereunder.

Represents 127,200 shares of Common Stock after taking into account the two-for-one stock split effected by Microsoft on March 26, 1999.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Redmond, State of Washington, on January 8, 2003.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

	By:	*
		Steven A. Ballmer Chief Executive Officer
Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this and on the dates indicated.	s registration statement has been sign	ed by the following persons in the capacitie
*	Chief Executive Officer, Director (Principal Executive Officer)	
Steven A. Ballmer		
*	Chairman, Chief Software Architect, Director	
William H. Gates III		
*	Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration, Chief Financial Officer	
John G. Connors		
*	Director	
James I. Cash		
*	Director	
Raymond V. Gilmartin		
*	Director	
David F. Marquardt		
*	Director	
Ann McLaughlin Korologos		
*	Director	
W. G. Reed, Jr.		
*	Director	
Jon A. Shirley		

^{*}By: /s/ Keith R. Dolliver

Keith R. Dolliver Attorney-in-Fact pursuant to a power of attorney attached as an Exhibit hereto.

EXHIBITS

24. Power of Attorney