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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 2

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.

On December 16, 1998, Microsoft Corporation (Microsoft) filed a Registration Statement on Form S-3, SEC 1933 Act Number 333-69027 (the Registration Statement) covering 2,257,236¹ shares of Microsoft s common stock (the Common Stock) on behalf of certain Selling Shareholders of Microsoft. Microsoft amended such Registration Statement January 19, 1999.

The Registration Statement was filed in order to register shares of Common Stock issued to former shareholders of Link Exchange, Inc. (Link Exchange). Microsoft acquired Link Exchange on November 4, 1998.

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization between Microsoft and certain former shareholders of Link Exchange, Microsoft s obligations to maintain the effectiveness of the Registration Statement expired on November 4, 2000. Accordingly, Microsoft hereby de-registers all of its Common Stock registered pursuant to the Registration Statement and remaining unsold thereunder.

¹ Represents 4,514,474 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:

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Steven A. Ballmer
Chief Executive
Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

* _____ Steven A. Ballmer	Chief Executive Officer, Director (Principal Executive Officer)
* _____ William H. Gates III	Chairman, Chief Software Architect, Director
* _____ John G. Connors	Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration, Chief Financial Officer
* _____ James I. Cash	Director
* _____ Raymond V. Gilmartin	Director
* _____ David F. Marquardt	Director
* _____ Ann McLaughlin Korologos	Director
* _____ W. G. Reed, Jr.	Director
* _____ Jon A. Shirley	Director

*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