

MICROSOFT CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 18, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

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

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) September 18, 2012**

**Microsoft Corporation**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**Washington**

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)**

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**0-14278**  
(Commission

**91-1144442**  
(IRS Employer

File Number)

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)

(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))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

**Director Retirement**

Raymond V. Gilmartin, who has served as a member of the Microsoft Board of Directors since 2001, has informed the Company that he has decided to retire from the Board. Mr. Gilmartin will not stand for re-election at the 2012 annual meeting of shareholders; therefore, his retirement will be effective on that date. The Company issued a press release announcing Mr. Gilmartin's plans on September 18, 2012.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Microsoft Corporation dated September 18, 2012

**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: September 18, 2012

/s/ John A. Seethoff  
John A. Seethoff  
Assistant Secretary

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Press release dated September 18, 2012