

MICROSOFT CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 23, 2013

**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) August 23, 2013**

**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 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)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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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 Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

(b) On August 21, 2013, Steven A. Ballmer, Chief Executive Officer ( CEO ), notified the board of directors of Microsoft Corporation (the Company ) that he plans to retire within the next 12 months. Mr. Ballmer will continue to serve as CEO of the Company until his successor is appointed.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

The Company s press release announcing Mr. Ballmer s plans to retire is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Microsoft Corporation dated August 23, 2013.

**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: August 23, 2013

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

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit              |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 99.1        | Press release dated August 23, 2013 |