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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) July 17, 2014

Microsoft Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Washington

(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

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0-14278 91-1144442 (Commission (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)

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):

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.05. Cost Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities

On July 17, 2014, Microsoft announced a restructuring plan to streamline and simplify its organization and align the recently acquired Nokia Devices and Services business with the company s overall strategy. The actions associated with the plan are expected to be substantially completed by December 31, 2014 and fully completed by June 30, 2015. The Company expects to incur pre-tax charges of \$750 million to \$800 million for severance and related benefit costs and \$350 million to \$800 million of asset related charges. The total charges resulting from this plan are expected to be approximately \$1.1 billion to \$1.6 billion. The Company expects the plan will result in total cash payments in the range of \$850 million to \$950 million in fiscal year 2015. A copy of Microsoft s press release is provided as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Note about forward-looking statements. Certain statements in this report, other than purely historical information, including estimates, projections, statements relating to our business plans, objectives and expected operating results, and the assumptions upon which those statements are based, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements generally are identified by the words believe, project, anticipate, estimate, intend, strategy, future, opportunity, should, continue, will likely result, and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties which may cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. A detailed discussion of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and events to differ materially from such forward-looking statements is included in the section titled Risk Factors of our Forms 10-K and 10-Q. We undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press release, dated July 17, 2014, issued by Microsoft Corporation

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: July 17, 2014

MICROSOFT CORPORATION (Registrant)

/s/ FRANK H. BROD
Frank H. Brod
Corporate Vice President, Finance and Administration;

Chief Accounting Officer

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Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press release dated July 17, 2014