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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on November 19, 2013.**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** September 13, 2013  
**Date:** November 19, 2013    **Time:** 8:00 a.m., PT  
**Location:** Meydenbauer Center  
11100 NE 6th Street  
Bellevue, Washington

Meeting live via the Internet-please visit

[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/MSFT13](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/MSFT13).

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*6201 15<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE*

*BROOKLYN, NY 11219*

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We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

This notice also constitutes Notice of the 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

**Before You Vote**

*How to Access the Proxy Materials*

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

**How to View Online:**

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- 3) *BY E-MAIL\*:*            [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor.

Please make the request as instructed above on or before November 5, 2013 to facilitate timely delivery.

**How To Vote**

*Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods*

**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the Meeting you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet:** Go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or from a smart phone, scan the QR code above. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

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**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR EACH  
OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES, FOR PROPOSAL 10,  
FOR PROPOSAL 11 and FOR PROPOSAL 12.**

Election of Directors: (The Board recommends a vote  
FOR each nominee)

1. Steven A. Ballmer

2. Dina Dublon

3. William H. Gates III

4. Maria M. Klawe

5. Stephen J. Luczo

6. David F. Marquardt

7. Charles H. Noski

8. Helmut Panke

9. John W. Thompson

10. Approve material terms of the performance  
criteria under

the Executive Officer Incentive Plan

(The Board recommends a vote FOR this  
proposal)

11. Advisory vote on executive compensation

(The Board recommends a vote FOR this  
proposal)

12. Ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our  
independent  
auditor for fiscal year 2014

(The Board recommends a vote FOR this  
proposal)



