TO: 胡大鹏

DATE: April 18, 2016

SUBJECT: Microsoft Corporation ("Microsoft") Stock Award

Congratulations! Subject to applicable company policy, your employment under Microsoft pay and benefits programs will be scheduled to commence. At that time, as a new employee of the Microsoft company group, you will be granted an On-hire Stock Award for shares of Microsoft common stock, subject to approval by the Compensation Committee of Microsoft's Board (or its delegate). The number of shares will be calculated by dividing \$40,000 by the closing Microsoft stock price on a future date (e.g. the 15th of the month immediately following the month in which your start date occurs, subject to applicable company policy). Your Stock Award will be subject to the terms of Microsoft's 2001 Stock Plan and its form of Stock Award Agreement. On-Hire Stock Awards are approved on a monthly basis, with annual vesting of 20% per year commencing on the approval date. You may also eligible to be considered for future Stock Awards based upon your eligibility within Microsoft's annual performance management process with Stock Awards granted in September.

Please note that Microsoft can grant Stock Awards to you only if and as long as it is permitted and feasible under applicable laws. Further, Microsoft may decide to cease granting Stock Awards to all or any persons. You have no right to any other grant of Stock Awards or other awards by Microsoft.

You should also know that any Stock Awards granted to you are an additional benefit given to you by Microsoft Corporation and not by your employer or any other of Microsoft's subsidiaries or affiliates. Therefore, any Stock Awards and any shares acquired pursuant to the award are not part of your employment relationship with your employer and are completely separate from your salary or any remuneration or benefits provided to you by your employer. This means that any gain you realize from the Stock Awards will not be included when calculating any severance payments, bonuses, termination

compensation, payments during a notice period, indemnity or any other employment-related benefit

that you may receive from your employer.

You will be responsible for complying with any applicable legal requirements in connection with your

participation in the Plan and for any tax or social insurance contribution obligations arising from the

Stock Awards and any shares received pursuant to the Stock Awards, including any employer obligations

that Microsoft has determined may legally be transferred to you and regardless of any tax and social

insurance contribution withholding and/or reporting obligation of Microsoft or your employer. You are

obligated to seek advice from your personal accountant or tax advisor at your own expense regarding

the tax implications of any Stock Awards granted to you.

Finally, as will be further set forth in your Stock Award Agreement, all disputes relating to the Stock

Award grant shall be governed by laws of the state of Washington, U.S.A., and you and Microsoft agree

that any claim or litigation related to the Stock Award grant shall be conducted only in the courts of King

County, Washington, or the federal courts for the United States for the Western District of Washington.

Sincerely,

J. Ritchie

Corporate Vice President, Compensation Benefits & HR Operations

**Microsoft Corporation** 

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED:

By:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_