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Microsoft Comments on Yahoo! Announcement

REDMOND, Wash., April 9 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ — Microsoft Corp. (Nasdaq: MSFT) today issued the following statement from Brad Smith, Microsoft's General Counsel, related to an announcement today by Yahoo! Inc. (Nasdaq: YHOO):

“Any definitive agreement between Yahoo! and Google would consolidate over 90% of the search advertising market in Google's hands. This would make the market far less competitive, in sharp contrast to our own proposal to acquire Yahoo! We will assess closely all of our options. Our proposal remains the only alternative put forward that offers Yahoo! shareholders full and fair value for their shares, gives every shareholder a vote on the future of the company, and enhances choice for content creators, advertisers, and consumers.”

About Microsoft

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Microsoft Corporation and its directors and executive officers and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding Microsoft Corporation's directors and executive officers is available in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2007, which was filed with the SEC on August 3, 2007, and its proxy statement for its 2007 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on September 21, 2007. Other information regarding the participants in a proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or

otherwise, will be contained in any proxy statement filed in connection with the proposed transaction.

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