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ASHTON-TATE INTRODUCES dBASE III PLUS LAN PACK,
A NETWORK-ONLY SOLUTION FOR dBASE III PLUS

LAS VEGAS, November 20, 1985 -- Ashton-Tate, developer and
marketer of the industry-standard dBASE family of database
products, today introduced dBASE III PLUS LAN Pack, which enables
multiple users to share dBASE III PLUS files on a local area
network (LAN).

dBASE III PLUS LAN Pack consists of three dBASE Access
programs, which provide three additional users with economical,
network-only access to dBASE III PLUS, the new database
management system also introduced today by Ashton-Tate. Equipped
with built-in multi-user capability, as well as stand-alone
capability, dBASE III PLUS can network an unlimited number of
users (within limits of the hardware). Combining one dBASE III
PLUS with one LAN Pack provides a four-user network, the most
common entry-level local area network configuration.

Each dBASE Access program in the LAN Pack connects to the
dBASE Administrator resident on dBASE III PLUS. The dBASE
Administrator provides true multi-user access to dBASE III PLUS
files. It acts as a monitor, preventing simultaneous access to

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the same record (record locking) or file (file locking), and
limiting access to data to authorized users on the network.

"Sharing information and peripheral resources have always
been attractive objectives because of the economic benefit," said
Edward M. Esber Jr., president and chief executive officer of
Ashton-Tate. "The dBASE III PLUS LAN Pack is an extremely cost-
effective networking solution at a cost of less than $425 per
user.

"We are responding to our users by requiring only one copy
of dBASE III PLUS to implement a multi-user capability," Esber said.
"According to our research, 90 percent of computer users who are
going to LANs are coming from stand-alone product use. dBASE III
PLUS can be used as a powerful stand-alone product until the need
to migrate to a LAN arises. It can then be linked on a network
to other copies of dBASE III PLUS, or to dBASE Access programs
from dBASE III PLUS LAN Pack."

dBASE III PLUS and dBASE III PLUS LAN Pack will run on any
network that supports the PC-DOS Version 3.1 operating system,
including the IBM PC Network, 3COM's 3Plus, or Novell's Advanced
NetWare Version 1.01 or higher. Other LANs that use a PC-DOS
3.1 compatible operating system may also support dBASE III PLUS
and dBASE III PLUS LAN Pack.

Available in January 1986 with a suggested retail price of
$995, dBASE III PLUS LAN Pack includes three dBASE Access key
programs and three full sets of dBASE III PLUS documentation.

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