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ASHTON-TATE GRANTED PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

TORRANCE, Calif., July 7, 1987 -- Ashton-Tate announced today that U.S District Judge Alicemarie H. Stotler Monday granted Ashton-Tate Corporation a preliminary injunction in its lawsuit against Queue Associates, Inc., and Gary Balleisen of Pebble Beach, Calif.

The injunction restrains Queue Associates and Balleisen from disclosing trade secrets embodied in, and copying or transferring, certain Ashton-Tate software, including dBASE III and dBASE III PLUS.

Queue Associates and Balleisen were included by Ashton-Tate in a lawsuit filed January 5, 1987, also naming Migent, Inc., of Incline Village, Nev.

In her ruling, Judge Stotler specifically stated that the probability of Ashton-Tate's prevailing on the issues of Queue Associates' and Balleisen's misappropriation of trade secrets and copyright infringement should the case ultimately come to trial was sufficiently high to warrant granting of the injunction. Ashton-Tate's additional claims against Queue Associates and Balleisen were not considered as part of the injunction.

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The Judge also issued an order directing Queue Associates, Balleisen, and their attorney, Robert Taylor, to turn over certain of Ashton-Tate's proprietary material.

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Today's ruling follows a stipulation between Ashton-Tate and the other parties, of which the parties have agreed only the following portion may be disclosed:

"Defendants Migent, Inc., Migent International, Carl Gritzmaker, David Patrick, John James, Wayne Ratliff and Gary Lang ("defendants" hereinafter) and Plaintiff Ashton-Tate Corporation ("plaintiff" or "Ashton-Tate" hereinafter), through their counsel of record, have stipulated, subject to the order of this Court, that (i) plaintiff Ashton-Tate's April 1987 motions for preliminary injunction, writ of possession and order of impound shall be withdrawn as to the above-referenced defendants and (ii) those defendants shall take certain steps described in the Stipulation and Order pursuant to which Ashton-Tate's motions are withdrawn to accommodate the interests of the parties pending a trial of the above-referenced action.

"It is defendants' position that their willingness to take such steps is entirely voluntary and in aid of avoiding unnecessary disputes. The parties hereto agree that nothing contained herein shall be interpreted as an admission or concession by the defendants or any of them of any purported fact or claim asserted by plaintiff in these proceedings or of any alleged wrongdoing. Defendants specifically dispute the accuracy of, and specifically reserve the right to contest, the contentions and factual allegations in plaintiff's memoranda and declarations in support of the above-referenced motions."

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