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ASHTON-TATE CERTIFIES dBASE IV  
FOR AT&T STARLAN NETWORKS

TORRANCE, Calif., April 19, 1989 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ: TATE) today announced it has certified dBASE IV as compatible with AT&T StarGROUP Software for AT&T StarLAN and StarLAN 10 Networks.

dBASE IV is the latest generation of the dBASE family of database management software for PC-DOS and compatible personal computers. StarGROUP Software is AT&T's premier network operating system for linking personal computers over a wide variety of network media and operating systems.

"By certifying dBASE IV for StarGROUP Software, AT&T customers can take special advantage of dBASE IV's new multiuser architecture," said James Neiser, Ashton-Tate director of workstation database products. "The certification is our assurance that AT&T networks are capable of hosting dBASE IV efficiently."

"We are delighted that Ashton-Tate has certified dBASE IV with StarGROUP software," said Tanya Kobishcha, division manager-PC and campus workgroup marketing. "dBASE IV is a powerful addition to an ever-growing base of multi-user network applications currently available for AT&T StarGROUP software customers."

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Ashton-Tate tested and certified dBASE IV Developer's Edition version 1.0 with AT&T StarGROUP software version 3.1 in various configurations using AT&T and compatible file servers and workstations including AT&T 6312 WGS, AT&T 6386 WGS, Compaq 286, and IBM PS/2 model 50. All DOS systems had 640K of RAM and AT&T StarGROUP software DOS client program, version 3.1. Both AT&T and Intel expanded memory boards were tested in these configurations.

Based in Torrance, Calif., Ashton-Tate markets best-selling microcomputer business applications software for DOS, OS/2 and Macintosh operating systems. Products are available in six major categories: database management systems, word processing, integrated decision support software, spreadsheets, graphics and desktop publishing. Tate Publishing offers a variety of software applications, tools and utilities under the Tate Publishing Software family, as well as a library of bestselling computer hardware and software related books and periodicals. Ashton-Tate also markets a comprehensive line of service and support programs for individuals, corporations and government agencies.

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