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ASHTON-TATE SHIPS FRAMEWORK II AND INFORMONTAGE-2

Bundled Framework II product brings Russian/English integrated software capabilities to PC users

TORRANCE, Calif., June 7, 1990 - Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ: TATE) today announced the first customer shipment of Framework II bundled with Informontage-2, an original Russian PC application product developed by the Leningrad Institute of Informatics and Automation (LIIAS), one of the most important Institutes of Informatics in the USSR. The combination of Framework II and Informontage-2 offers the first Russian/English integrated word processing, spreadsheet, database, graphics and tele-communications software package for the PC.

Sold only as a bundled product and only in a British English/Russian version, the Informontage-2 and Framework II package is available now from Ashton-Tate's European subsidiaries at a suggested retail price of \$695 (£550).

"Early feedback on the product has been excellent," said Floyd Bradley, vice president and general manager of Ashton-Tate Europe. "Customers who have previewed the combined product are pleased with its simple, straightforward way of producing commercial documents or routine correspondence in both Russian and English," Bradley explained.

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Product Features

Framework II combined with Informontage-2 meets a broad range of international business and educational user requirements.

* Bilingual Functionality

- Users can select either English or Russian menus with context sensitive help
- Each language offers full search and sort capabilities
- Cyrillic and Latin alphabets can be combined in a single document
- Macros can be written in FRED, the Framework macro language, in either Russian or English, with automatic translation between languages
- Documents can be stored with either Cyrillic or Latin file names

* Hot-Key Switching Between Languages

- Switching between languages is accomplished with the Informontage-2 user-defined "hot key"
- All the integrated functionality of Framework II is available to users who need to create English, Russian or mixed language documents

* Customized Keyboard Configurations

- Cyrillic keyboard configurations can be customized and defined during the set-up installation
- In the absence of standards for Cyrillic keyboard layouts, users can modify the position of Cyrillic characters on their keyboards to fit individual needs

Standard features of Framework II include:

- Seamless integration of application modules makes it easy to combine data from different applications or move between applications
- Windowing user interface allows users to work with as many files as desired
- A single set of pull-down menus from which all functions can be accessed makes the software easy to learn and use

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Price & Availability

The Framework II and Informontage-2 software package is available from SFINCS, Ashton-Tate's authorized distributor in Leningrad as well as from Ashton-Tate's European subsidiaries. Pricing is in the local currency of the country of purchase.

For additional information on pricing and availability, customers should contact Nigel Smith at Ashton-Tate's European headquarters. Smith's telephone number in the UK is 44 753 27262; FAX number is 44 753 70787.

Headquartered in Torrance, California, Ashton-Tate develops and markets microcomputer business applications and advanced connectivity software. The company's major product categories include database management systems, word processing, integrated decision support, spreadsheets, graphics and software utilities. Ashton-Tate has international operations in most countries around the world, with products available in 20 languages in more than 50 countries. The company also offers a comprehensive line of training and support services for individuals, corporations and government agencies.

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