

# ASHTON-TATE NEWS

## ASHTON-TATE ESTABLISHED PRODUCTION FACILITY IN SWORDS, IRELAND

TORRANCE, Calif., June 8, 1988 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ:TATE) today announced plans to establish a manufacturing operation in Swords, Dublin County, Ireland that will be responsible for duplicating, assembling and packaging all Ashton-Tate software products for Europe and the Middle East.

Located in a 50,000 square foot facility, the plant is expected to be in operation by the summer of 1988 and will employ more than 50 people.

"Ashton-Tate's considerable growth in Europe since the opening of our first European office in 1982 now warrants a dedicated manufacturing facility to deal with the growing volume of sales," said Floyd Bradley, Ashton-Tate's vice president, Europe.

Ashton-Tate's investment in the Swords facility is backed by the Industrial Development Authority for Ireland which provided strategic assistance.

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"I am delighted that Ashton-Tate has chosen Ireland for its manufacturing operations," said Albert Reynolds TD, Irish Minister for Industry and Commerce. "Dublin offers the printing infrastructure, plant facilities, labor and financial conditions necessary to meet the specific requirements of high technology companies."

The plant will manufacture the full line of Ashton-Tate products. Michael Neary, former Plant Manager of Systems Industries, will head up the operation. Plans are already underway to recruit a materials manager, productions manager and financial controller.

Based in Torrance, Calif., Ashton-Tate markets best-selling microcomputer business applications software in six major categories: database management systems, business graphics, word processing, integrated software, spreadsheets and desktop publishing. Ashton-Tate also markets a comprehensive line of service and support programs for individuals, corporations and government agencies.

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