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ASHTON-TATE CERTIFIES FRAMEWORK III LAN FOR THE BANYAN VINES VIRTUAL NETWORKING SYSTEM

TORRANCE, Calif., November 6, 1989 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ:TATE) today announced it has certified Framework III LAN Version 1.0 to be compatible with the Banyan VINES Virtual Networking System Version 3.1.

Framework III LAN is the network version of Framework III, Ashton-Tate's integrated decision support software package that features a word processor, database, spreadsheet, business graphics, outlining and telecommunications. Carrying a suggested retail price of \$995, the network version supports five users simultaneously and includes built-in electronic mail, file locking with three file sharing modes and peripheral sharing. It can be purchased at any authorized Ashton-Tate reseller.

Banyan's VINES network operating system internetworks personal computers, minicomputers, mainframes and other computer resources with local and wide area networks to create powerful distributed systems. In this way, VINES enables users to access, share and manage vital organizational information quickly, conveniently and securely.

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"With the certification of Framework III LAN on the Banyan VINES Virtual Networking system, Banyan customers can now take advantage of Framework III advanced workgroup productivity capabilities," said Bob Kimball, Ashton-Tate's Director of Decision Support Product Management. "The certification is our assurance that VINES is capable of hosting Framework III LAN efficiently."

Kimball added that Ashton-Tate recommends that Banyan users run Framework III LAN on 80286 or 80386-based nodes, and that Himem.sys be loaded as a device driver in Config.sys.

"We are very pleased that Ashton-Tate has certified Framework III LAN to run on VINES," said Peter Simon, Banyan's Vice President of Marketing. "Framework III LAN will have great appeal for Banyan's corporate customer base which is always interested in new integrated network applications."

Ashton-Tate tested and certified Framework III LAN on a Banyan Server running VINES. Nodes included four IBM PC-XT units, each with 640K of RAM, IBM PC-DOS version 3.1 and monochrome and CGA monitors.

Based in Torrance, California, Ashton-Tate markets microcomputer business applications software for DOS and Macintosh operating systems. Products are available in five major categories: database management systems, word processing, integrated decision support software, spreadsheets and graphics.

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Ashton-Tate also markets a comprehensive line of service and support programs for individuals, corporations and government agencies.

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