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**ASHTON-TATE BEGINS BETA TESTING OF
dBASE IV FOR UNIX**

A beta version of dBASE IV for UNIX-based workstations and servers is now available for customer test.

Torrance, Calif., August 15, 1990 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ: TATE) today announced commencement of a formal beta testing program of dBASE IV for UNIX. The product is a full implementation of Ashton-Tate's dBASE IV version 1.1 data management system for DOS-based PCs optimized for use on Sun workstations and servers as well as 386 UNIX systems. dBASE IV for UNIX will support SunOS, SCO XENIX, SCO UNIX System V/386 and Interactive 386/ix operating systems.

Ashton-Tate will be demonstrating dBASE IV for UNIX at the SCO Forum90 which is being held at the University of California at Santa Cruz from August 20 - 24, 1990.

"dBASE IV for UNIX brings the application programming productivity and PC-level ease-of-use of dBASE IV to the multi-user, multi-tasking UNIX environment," said David Proctor, vice president and general manager of Ashton-Tate's Database Division.

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"The product is highly portable across platforms so current dBASE users can easily enhance their existing PC applications with the power of UNIX, while UNIX system users gain immediate access to thousands of proven applications," Proctor added.

dBASE IV for UNIX is an applications development and productivity product that combines a comprehensive data management system, flexible application development language, Structured Query Language (SQL) and highly productive 4GL (Fourth Generation Language) tools.

dBASE IV for UNIX is designed to maximize the productivity of both the user and the developer. For users, dBASE IV for UNIX features the menu-driven Control Center and interactive tools for designing forms, reports, labels, menus, quick applications and Query-By-Example (QBE) without programming. For developers, the product provides the familiar and highly functional dBASE language and includes a collection of sophisticated 4GL tools such as an automatic code generator, template language, integrated debugger and program editor.

To obtain further information on participating in the beta test program for any of the dBASE IV for UNIX products, interested parties should call or send a FAX to Diana Davidson or Willem Stoeller at Ashton-Tate. Davidson can be reached on (213) 538-7576; Stoeller on (213) 538-7365. The Ashton-Tate FAX number is (213) 538-7989.

Headquartered in Torrance, California, Ashton-Tate Corporation 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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