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# ASHTON-TATE PREPS dBASE IV FOR FIRST CUSTOMER SHIPMENTS IN OCTOBER

TORRANCE, Calif., Sept. 28, 1988 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ:TATE) today announced that dBASE IV has entered final certification before release and expects to ship its first revenue units within two to three weeks.

"With dBASE IV in the certification process, we are fully confident that customers will receive production units in volume before the end of our fiscal quarter, October 31," said Edward M. Esber Jr., chairman and chief executive officer.

dBASE IV is the successor to the world's best-selling database management system, dBASE III PLUS. The company said that all dBASE IV functions and features that were announced in February, including extended memory and multi-user support, would be included in the first release of the product.

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