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ASHTON-TATE NAMES DAVID RUSSIAN
VICE PRESIDENT, CONTROLLER

TORRANCE, CA, February 5, 1986 -- Ashton-Tate, a leading developer and marketer of microcomputer software, today announced the appointment of David Russian as vice president, controller.

As vice president and controller, Russian will oversee Ashton-Tate's worldwide accounting, financial planning, credit, SEC reporting and treasury functions. Russian reports to Norman H. Block, Ashton-Tate's executive vice president, finance and administration and chief financial officer.

"In his year and a half with Ashton-Tate, David Russian has instituted a number of important accounting systems," said Block. "He has helped the company efficiently monitor its financial growth while making us more effective in managing both internal and external finances."

Russian joined Ashton-Tate in November of 1984 as corporate controller, and is responsible for establishing the company's accounting practices and principles, international and domestic tax planning and banking relationships.

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Prior to that, Russian held a number of accounting and finance positions with Di Giorgio Corporation of San Francisco, including vice president of finance of the company's LAD Drug and Allied Distributing divisions. While at Di Giorgio, he supervised cash management, credit, personnel and international letter of credit transactions. Russian also has held the position of senior accountant for the big eight accounting firm of Price Waterhouse & Company.

Russian, who is a certified public accountant, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from San Diego State University.

Ashton-Tate is one of the largest microcomputer software companies worldwide. For the nine month period ended October 31, 1985, the company reported record revenues of \$80 million and net income of \$10.6 million.

The company's products include dBASE III PLUS, dBASE III PLUS LAN Pack, Framework II and the MultiMate word processing line.

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