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ASHTON-TATE ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION OF ERIC KIM, VICE PRESIDENT, DATABASE PRODUCTS

TORRANCE, Calif., January 11, 1990 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ:TATE) announced today the resignation of Eric B. Kim, vice president, Database Products, effective January 19, 1990. Kim has resigned to pursue a new career opportunity.

Ashton-Tate does not intend to replace Kim; however, Edward M. Esber Jr., the company's chairman, president and CEO will remain as acting general manager of Ashton-Tate's Database Division, a responsibility he assumed in August of 1989, while the company continues evaluating both internal and external candidates for the position of Database Division general manager.

"When I assumed the role of acting general manager of the Database Division, Eric agreed to stay on until we had a management team in place to complete development of all key database products," said Esber. "That team is now in place and Eric has decided to pursue another career opportunity. We wish him well."

Esber added that he foresees no negative impact on the shipment of dBASE IV version 1.1 as a result of Kim's resignation. "The dBASE IV version 1.1 beta program continues to

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progress well and we are confident we have the technical and management expertise to accomplish our objectives of delivering a quality product," he said.

Kim said, "I consider my work at Ashton-Tate very rewarding and I will miss the many close friends and colleagues I have gained over the past five years. However, I feel confident that I am leaving the company with a strong development team in place to help Ashton-Tate achieve its database goals and objectives."

Headquartered in Torrance, California, Ashton-Tate develops and markets microcomputer business applications software for the DOS, OS/2 and Macintosh operating systems. The company offers products in five major categories: database management systems, word processing, integrated decision support software, spreadsheets and graphics. Ashton-Tate also markets a comprehensive line of service and support programs for individuals, corporations and government agencies.

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