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HARVEY JEANE RESIGNS FROM ASHTON-TATE

TORRANCE, Calif., July 13, 1990 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ:TATE) today announced that Harvey L. Jeane, 45, vice president of Corporate Technologies, has resigned to assume the position of president and chief executive officer of Simi Valley, California-based Optika Imaging Systems Inc., a developer of document storage and retrieval systems.

Jeane, whose resignation is effective immediately, joined Ashton-Tate in August 1983 as vice president, product development. During his career at Ashton-Tate, he helped build the company's various product development centers.

"Harvey has been instrumental in advancing Ashton-Tate's product research and development capabilities during his seven years with the company, and he has been a key contributor in making the dBASE family the standard it is today," said Bill Lyons, Ashton-Tate's president and chief operating officer. "We appreciate Harvey's hard work and leadership and we wish him well in his new endeavor."

Lyons added that Ashton-Tate has no current plans to replace Jeane.

"My career at Ashton-Tate has been very rewarding, and, although I am looking forward to the new challenge of running a

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company, I will miss the many friends and colleagues I've gained over the years," said Jeane.

He added, "I leave with confidence that Ashton-Tate is poised to reassert its leadership in the database arena. The current senior management team is solid and focused, and dBASE IV version 1.1 is backed by the strongest quality and customer commitment of any product I have been associated with during my tenure at Ashton-Tate."

Prior to joining Ashton-Tate, Jeane worked at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California, where he held various technical and management positions between 1970 to 1983.

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 is an international company with products available in 20 languages in more than 50 countries. The company also offers a comprehensive line of consulting, training and support services for individuals, corporations and government agencies.

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