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Ashton-Tate Announces Support For Intel PC Connectivity Platform

TORRANCE, Calif., August 16, 1988 -- Ashton-Tate Corp. (NASDAQ: TATE) today announced its support for the new Intel communications co-processor platform that provides for PC-to-FAX and PC-to-PC connectivity. Based upon the DCA/Intel Communications Applications Specification (CAS), Ashton-Tate said will work with both DCA and Intel to build an interface to the new technology for its DOS and OS/2 products.

"PC-to-FAX connectivity is one of the up-and-coming connectivity trends for the PC marketplace," said Luther J. Nussbaum, president and chief operating officer of Ashton-Tate. "We believe this new technology will play a significant role in furthering our promise of corporate connectivity."

Dwayne Walker, connectivity products manager at Ashton-Tate, said advanced capabilities offered by the new DCA/Intel platform, will enable Ashton-Tate to deliver to its users integrated PC-to-FAX and PC-to-PC file transfer interfaces for many of its application software.

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"The DCA/Intel CAS platform provides a standard with which we can expand our connectivity commitment to more products," Walker said. "Already Ashton-Tate offers for its dBASE data management product connectivity packages for PC-to-IBM Systems /38 and /36, as well as built-in E-Mail support in its new Framework III."

No timetable for implementation of the new standard by Ashton-Tate was announced.

Ashton-Tate Corporation is one of the largest developers and marketers of business applications software and the major supplier of relational database management systems for microcomputers. The company markets microcomputer solutions in the following categories: database management, word processing, presentation graphics, spreadsheets, desktop publishing and integrated decision-support products.

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