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ASHTON-TATE TO REPURCHASE COMMON SHARES

TORRANCE, Calif., -- August 14, 1990 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ:TATE) today announced that its Board of Directors has authorized the company to repurchase up to 2 million of its common shares.

The repurchases will be effected from time to time in open-market transactions at prevailing market prices. The company currently has approximately 27 million common shares outstanding, and its shares are quoted on the NASDAQ National Market System.

The company said that the shares are being repurchased to provide additional shares for issuance under the company's employee stock option and purchase plans without dilution of existing stockholder interests.

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,

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graphics and software utilities. Ashton-Tate has operations worldwide, with products available in 20 languages and in more than 50 countries.

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