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**ASHTON-TATE SIGNS AGREEMENT  
TO PURCHASE DECISION RESOURCES, INC.**

TORRANCE, Calif., Sept. 22, 1986 -- Ashton-Tate today announced it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Decision Resources, Inc. of Westport, Conn., the microcomputer software industry's largest graphics company. Ashton-Tate previously announced on Aug. 5 that it had signed a letter of intent to acquire Decision Resources, which develops and markets the best-selling business graphics software packages CHART-MASTER, SIGN-MASTER, DIAGRAM-MASTER and MAP-MASTER.

Upon completion of the acquisition, Ashton-Tate will pay \$12.9 million in cash for Decision Resources. It is expected that the purchase will be concluded later this month. Ashton-Tate has the right to terminate its obligation to acquire Decision Resources at any time prior to the closing on the occurrence of certain adverse changes or other events.

Ashton-Tate's acquisition of Decision Resources will expand the company's line of best-selling products for IBM personal computers and compatibles into the four major business categories, with industry standards in three of them: databases,

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with dBASE III PLUS; word processing with the MultiMate product line and business graphics, with Decision Resources' MASTER GRAPHICS Series. In addition, Ashton-Tate markets Framework II, a leading integrated solution for personal computers.

Sean O'Connor, president and co-founder of Decision Resources, and other key members of the company's executive team will remain with Ashton-Tate.

Decision Resources, a profitable, privately held company, had unaudited sales and profit after taxes of approximately \$13 million and \$900,000, respectively for the 12 months ended June 30, 1986. Founded in 1981, Decision Resources is a pioneer in the field of microcomputer business graphics. The company has grown to more than 100 employees.

For the first half of fiscal 1987 ended July 31, 1986, Ashton-Tate reported revenues of \$90.2 million and net income of \$11.6 million, increases of 75.1 percent and 100 percent respectively, from the same period last year.

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