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ASHTON-TATE TO REPURCHASE ADDITIONAL COMMON SHARES

TORRANCE, Calif., September 26, 1990 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ:TATE) today announced that its Board of Directors had increased the number of its common shares it had authorized the company to repurchase from 2 million to 3 million. The company has already repurchased approximately 1.7 million shares.

The repurchases will be effected from time to time in open-market transactions at prevailing market prices. The company currently has approximately 25.3 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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