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ASHTON-TATE SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH POCKET SOFT

TO USE .RTLINK/PLUS IN dBASE PROFESSIONAL COMPILER

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Nov. 12, 1990 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation
(NASDAQ: TATE) and Pocket Soft, Inc., today announced they have
signed an agreement to use the Pocket Soft .RTLink/Plus overlay
linker as part of Ashton-Tate's dBASE Professional Compiler, which
is currently under development.

The dBASE Professional Compiler is being demonstrated this week
in the Ashton-Tate booth, #H8218 at the Hilton Pavilion, during
COMDEX Fall '90.

".RTLink/Plus is a good example of Ashton-Tate's commitment to
provide the best available tools for customers," said Dave Proctor,
Ashton-Tate's executive vice president, product development. "The
inclusion of .RTLink/Plus in the dBASE Professional Compiler
provides the technology necessary to ease the creation of complex
applications."

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     "We are very pleased that .RTLink/Plus is going to be part of
Ashton-Tate's dBASE Professional Compiler package," said Thames
Goodwin, marketing director of Pocket Soft. ".RTLink/Plus is the
industry-leading linking technology for MS-DOS developers. Making
it part of this new compiler will ensure that a product that meets
Ashton-Tate's high standards is available to dBASE developers."

     With .RTLink/Plus in the dBASE Professional Compiler, developers
can control the memory requirements of their program, allowing them
to run large applications (even larger than 640K) in smaller amounts
of memory than would normally be required. .RTLink/Plus provides
other unique features such as utilities to help optimize runtime
performance and reduce the amount of disk space required to store
multi-executable systems.

     Headquartered in Torrance, Calif., 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. The company also offers a comprehensive line of training
and support services for individuals, corporations and government
agencies. Ashton-Tate has international operations in most
countries around the world, with products available in 20 languages
in more than 50 countries.

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