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DATABASE EXPERTS JOIN ASHTON-TATE
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT STAFF

TORRANCE, CA, August 25, 1987 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ: TATE) today announced that database software experts Arvola Y. Chan and Michael K. Benson have joined its research and development team.

Chan is primarily known for his development work on Computer Corporation of America's Adaplex DBMS prototype for mini and mainframe computers and later on the Distributed Data Manager (DDM) component within the Adaplex product effort. Benson conceived, designed and implemented Cincom Systems' mainframe DBMS Supra query language (named Spectra), widely regarded as the most advanced relational language in the industry.

Both developers have extensive experience in transaction management systems, an area many industry analysts believe is an important component in the emerging integration of the microcomputer, mini and mainframe database environments.

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"Arvola Chan and Michael Benson exemplify the high degree of first rate architectural talent we now have driving our research and development efforts," said Roy E. Folk, executive vice president, Software Products Division. "Their knowledge and expertise in transaction management systems will help us integrate the microcomputer's user interface with the very fast transaction processing capabilities of mainframe and minicomputer DBMS's."

Chan, who is based at the company's advanced database development center in Walnut Creek, California, serves as Ashton-Tate's senior scientist for distributed databases. He will study opportunities in distributed database management and the implementation of advanced DBMS technology. Chan reports to Ashton-Tate Senior Scientist, Dr. Harry Wong.

Chan received his Ph.D. in computer science from MIT. Prior to joining Ashton-Tate, Chan spent seven years with Computer Corporation of America in a variety of development positions, including senior computer scientist, Research and Systems Division, and DDM section manager for Adaplex, Product Planning Division.

Benson is based at the advanced development center at Ashton-Tate's corporate headquarters in Torrance, California. As chief architect for knowledge-base systems, he will explore advanced database programming environments through the use of knowledge base technology. Benson reports to Bill Stow, Ashton-Tate's director of advanced development.

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Before Ashton-Tate, Benson spent ten years with Cincom Systems, where he opened the company's West Coast Engineering Office in Irvine, California, and served as the development team leader on Spectra; and on RDM, the Relational Data Manager that forms the heart of the Supra database system. As an independent consultant, Benson also designed and implemented a distributed data entry and reporting system and an electronic mail systems for IBM PC-based wide-area networks.

Ashton-Tate is one of the largest microcomputer business applications software companies. The company reported revenues of \$63.6 million and net income of \$10.1 million for the second quarter ended July 31, 1987, increases of 29.8 percent and 55.4 percent, respectively over the previous year.

Ashton-Tate markets best-selling microcomputer business applications software in five categories: database management systems, with the industry-standard dBASE III PLUS and RapidFile; business graphics, with the MASTER GRAPHICS Series; word processing, with MultiMate Advantage II; integrated software, with Framework II; and desktop publishing, with Byline. Ashton-Tate also markets a comprehensive line of service and support programs for individuals and corporations.

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