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ASHTON-TATE ANNOUNCES COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC OFFERING

TORRANCE, Calif., April 8, 1986 — Ashton-Tate announced today the public offering of 1,300,000 shares of its Common Stock by an underwriting group managed by L.F. Rothschild, Unterberg, Towbin, Inc. and Smith Barney, Harris Upham & Co. Incorporated.

Ashton-Tate develops, acquires, markets and supports microcomputer software to meet the information management, productivity and software development needs of businesses and professionals. Ashton-Tate is one of the three largest independent publishers of microcomputer software products.

Copies of the final prospectus may be obtained from L.F. Rothschild, Unterberg, Towbin, Inc., 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041 or Smith Barney, Harris Upham & Co. Incorporated, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10105.