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### **ASHTON-TATE'S PRODUCTS TO SUPPORT IBM PC CONVERTIBLE**

TORRANCE, Calif., April 2, 1986 -- Ashton-Tate today announced 3 1/2-inch diskette versions of dBASE III PLUS, Framework II and the MultiMate Professional Word Processor Series 3.3 for the new IBM PC Convertible.

The Ashton-Tate products will be available in the second calendar quarter of 1986 to run on both the IBM PC Convertible and the 3 1/2-inch IBM External Diskette Drive also announced today by IBM for the IBM Personal Computer, Personal Computer XT and Personal Computer AT. Initially, these 3 1/2-inch diskettes will be offered through IBM's normal distribution channels for Ashton-Tate products.

The new products will be priced the same as versions for the IBM PC and PC compatibles -- \$695 for dBASE III PLUS and

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Framework II, and \$495 for MultiMate Series 3.3, which will be the first in a series of MultiMate products available for the IBM PC Convertible.

"Ashton-Tate sees a significant market for our products created by this new category of computers, which should grow substantially with IBM's entry," said Edward M. Esber Jr., president and chief executive officer of Ashton-Tate. "Our products are ideally suited for the independent professionals who will benefit from lap-top type computers," added Esber.

dBASE III PLUS, the successor to industry-standard dBASE III, is a powerful yet accessible database management system that provides both stand-alone and multi-user capability in a single package.

Framework II is an enhanced version of the Framework integrated package that combines a faster, larger and more powerful spreadsheet with an advanced word processor.

MultiMate word processing systems include MultiMate Series 3.3 and MultiMate Advantage, word processors for the corporate market.

These products make Ashton-Tate the only independent microcomputer software company with leading products on 3 1/2-inch diskettes in three significant market segments -- database management systems, integrated software and word processing.

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