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ASHTON-TATE ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR THE
IBM PS/2 PORTABLE MICROCOMPUTER

TORRANCE, Calif., May 10, 1989 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation
(NASDAQ:TATE) announced that its dBASE IV database management
and Framework III decision support software programs are
compatible with the new IBM PS/2 Model P70-386.

"We are impressed with the speed and versatility of the IBM
PS/2 Portable microcomputer, especially the very sharp screen
display," said Joseph F. Brilando, Vice President of Corporate
Marketing and Strategy at Ashton-Tate. "We are proud to announce
that both Framework III and dBASE IV have been tested and found
to be compatible with this new portable computer."

Framework III, which combines word processing, spreadsheet,
database and three other powerful functions in one program, is
100 percent compatible with the new IBM portable, according to
Brilando. "We believe Framework III offers special advantages to
portable computer users," he noted. "The product's
powerful integration of six key computing applications makes it
ideal for the mobile user who needs a program that can organize,
analyze and communicate information effectively."

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dBASE IV, the industry standard database management program for microcomputers, is 100 percent compatible with the IBM PS/2 Portable inside a 32-megabyte partition without partition extending programs installed. "We believe most users will be able to meet their data management needs on the new IBM portable within these parameters," assured Brilando. "Meanwhile, we are working to eliminate this limitation with our next release of dBASE IV."

The company also announced that it will participate in a special demo disk promotion IBM is creating for the launch of the PS/2 Portable. A Framework III demo disk along with an information sheet and instructions will be included in a special demo pack to be shipped with 5,000 units of the new machine.

Based in Torrance, California, Ashton-Tate markets best-selling microcomputer business applications software for DOS, OS/2 and Macintosh environments. Products are available in six major categories: database management systems, word processing, business graphics, integrated decision support, spreadsheets and desktop publishing. The Company offers a variety of software applications, tools and utilities through its Tate Publishing division, which also publishes a library of best-selling computer hardware and software-related books and

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