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ASHTON-TATE AND INTERBASE SOFTWARE PRODUCTS FOCUS ON UNIX

LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 7, 1990 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ: TATE) and Interbase Software will demonstrate a number of products for Sun Microsystems workstations at UNIX EXPO WEST from May 7 - 9, 1990 at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

On display will be a design partner version of Ashton-Tate's dBASE IV for Sun and InterBase Version 3.0 relational database management system. Also on display is XDOS Version of MultiMate for UNIX developed and supported by Hunter Systems, an authorized Ashton-Tate reseller. The products will be demonstrated in Ashton-Tate's booth number 342 in Hall B.

dBASE IV for Sun is an integrated application development language and 4GL (Fourth Generation Language) programming and productivity tool. This product includes the capabilities of the DOS-based dBASE IV and dBASE IV Developer's Edition and maintains the same look-and-feel. dBASE IV for Sun offers a high level of portability for applications and data created with the DOS version. This product is being demonstrated as a progress report and has been under development by Ashton-Tate since 1988 with engineering assistance from Sun Microsystems, Inc. and Interactive Systems Corporation.

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Interbase Version 3.0 is the latest version of its relational database system which focuses on putting greater functionality and application knowledge into the database kernel, allowing for a more intelligent and active database. Interbase will also demonstrate Pictor, its graphical front-end tool. Pictor enables developers and novice end-users to access and manipulate data without learning SQL or other data manipulation languages.

XDOS version of MultiMate Advantage II for UNIX brings one of the most popular word processors for the IBM PC to UNIX-based systems. This version of MultiMate Advantage II maintains the look-and-feel, document structure and functionality of the PC version, thereby eliminating retraining and reducing internal support. The product was developed and is being manufactured and marketed by Hunter Systems Inc., a Mountain View-based developer of XDOS binary compilation technology.

To obtain further information about participating in a beta test program for dBASE IV for Sun, interested parties should call or send a FAX to Diana Davidson or Willem Stoeller at Ashton-Tate. Davidson can be reached at (213) 538-7576; Stoeller at (213) 538-7635. The Ashton-Tate FAX number is (213) 538-7989.

Interbase Software Corporation was founded in 1984 to develop and market high performance database management software for complex applications. In March 1989, Ashton-Tate Corporation became a majority shareholder in Interbase Software.

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Based in Torrance, California, 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. Ashton-Tate is an international company with products available in 20 languages in more than 50 countries.

The company also offers a comprehensive line of consulting, training and support services for individuals, corporations and government agencies.

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