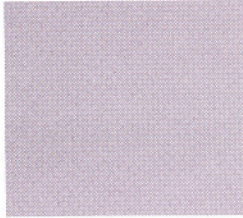


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ASHTON-TATE TO PROVIDE ANNUAL
REPORT ON A DISKETTE

CULVER CITY, Calif., June 7, 1985 -- Ashton-Tate, a leading developer and marketer of microcomputer software, today announced it will provide its fiscal 1985 annual report on a diskette to financial analysts, members of the investment community and the press.

The package, to be mailed with the company's printed annual report, includes Ashton-Tate's complete annual report and selected financial and corporate information on one diskette, and a Framework demonstration on a second diskette.

"We want to give the press, analysts and investment community a comprehensive overview of Ashton-Tate so that they can closely follow the company," said Norman H. Block, executive vice president of finance and administration. "Considering the increased use of personal computers in all professions, a diskette is a valuable tool for making this information available. We believe this is the first time a public company has provided this type of service."

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The annual report diskette contains all the information in the printed annual report (except photos, captions and charts) including a letter to shareholders from president and chief executive officer Edward M. Esber Jr., a corporate profile and descriptions of various groups and specialized programs within the company. In addition, it provides selected corporate information in the form of answers to frequently-asked questions about Ashton-Tate such as the number of employees, common stock information and the number of products shipped by product line and channels.

The diskette also includes supplementary financial information such as a variety of ratios and graphs which can be used to assess the company's business performance, and other selected statistical data.

The second diskette demonstrates Ashton-Tate's Framework, a multi-purpose program that combines a spreadsheet and word processor with database, graphics and communications capabilities, and an outlining function that organizes thoughts and ideas. Framework is a top-selling business program that has won several awards in the U.S. and overseas. The Framework demo diskette or a copy of Framework is required to use the annual report diskette.

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The diskettes run on either the IBM Personal Computer, PC XT or PC AT, and are programmed to be used even by those unfamiliar with computers. The two-folder pack that holds the diskettes is designed to match the cover of Ashton-Tate's printed annual report.

Ashton-Tate is one of the leading microcomputer software companies worldwide, and is one of only a few major software firms to offer best selling products in two categories: Framework in the multi-function area and dBASE III in relational database management. The company also includes a publishing unit which produces books as well as a quarterly magazine. For the fiscal year ended January 31, 1985, Ashton-Tate had revenues of \$82.3 million.

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