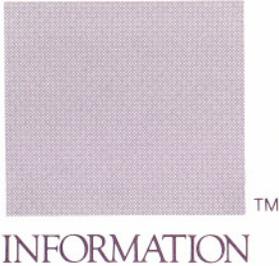


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ASHTON-TATE ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER RESULTS

CULVER CITY, CA., June 13, 1985 -- Ashton-Tate (tm) (OTC: TATE), a leading developer and marketer of microcomputer software, today announced results for the first quarter of fiscal 1986, ended April 30, 1985. The Company's net revenues for the first quarter of fiscal 1986 were \$24.0 million, up 114 percent from net revenues of \$11.2 million for the same quarter a year ago. Net income for the first quarter of fiscal 1986 was \$2.35 million up 1,473 percent from \$149 thousand for the first quarter of the prior year. First quarter earnings per share were \$0.25 compared with \$0.02 in the first quarter of fiscal 1985.

Edward M. Esber, Jr., president and chief executive officer, released the following statement on the first quarter results:

"We are pleased to report our financial results for the first quarter of fiscal 1986.

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"The increase in net revenues for the three months ended April 30, 1985, compared with the same period of the prior year, is due primarily to the excellent reception received by Ashton-Tate's two major products, dBASE III (tm) -- the company's advanced database management system -- and Framework (tm) -- Ashton-Tate's multi-function productivity tool. With Framework and dBASE III, Ashton-Tate is one of the few major microcomputer software firms to offer best-selling products in two major categories.

"Also during the first quarter, Ashton-Tate announced its intention to acquire the remaining 85 percent of outstanding stock of Forefront Corporation, the developer of Framework. This move is part of our corporate strategy to expand our developmental strength and obtain the best of the industry's technical resources. Framework's tremendous success is a tribute to the developmental capabilities of the Forefront team. Their contributions will assure the long-term success of future generations of Framework.

"International sales of our products increased significantly over the first quarter of fiscal 1985. Ashton-Tate is the largest microcomputer software company in Europe and offers the most comprehensive line of database and multi-purpose software translated into foreign languages.

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"Other international developments during the first quarter included an agreement with Software International, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Japan Systems Engineering Corporation (JSE), to form a joint venture in Tokyo, Japan, called Nippon Ashton-Tate.

"Ashton-Tate's move into Japan reflects the growth of the Japanese market and the increasing demand for Ashton-Tate products in the Far East. dBASE II (R), Ashton-Tate's leading database product for 8-bit microcomputers, is the largest selling database product in Japan and accounts for more than 90 percent of the database market. In addition, dBASE II is the second largest selling business software product overall in Japan.

"During the first quarter, Ashton-Tate also signed an agreement with Arcom Pacific of Brisbane, Australia, to distribute the company's products in Australia and New Zealand. In addition, we made a strong entry into the Mexican market by signing a distribution agreement with SIGA, located in Mexico City.

"The company also has been actively pursuing strategic alliances with major companies in the software industry. During the first quarter, Ashton-Tate announced a new version of its Framework software package to support the new Above Board (tm) circuit board from the Intel Corporation.

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"Our strategy to align ourselves with other leaders in the microcomputer software industry will serve us well throughout fiscal 1986. It also supports our commitment to the corporate user, a customer group that will assume even greater significance in fiscal 1986. This commitment is underscored by our new Corporate Emphasis Program, designed to aid the corporate and dealer communities by providing greater service as well as quality training programs to corporate customers.

"The Corporate Emphasis Program represents Ashton-Tate's continuing goal to maintain and enhance our reputation as a full-service software company offering the best products and support programs.

"In addition, Ashton-Tate is in an excellent position to capture a greater share of the corporate marketplace because of our strength in database technology, the foundation of corporate computing networks.

"Ashton-Tate is one of the leading companies in the microcomputer software industry. The actions taken during the first quarter are part of our plan for continued success. In addition, we have one of the strongest management teams in the microcomputer software industry: a team that responds quickly to the growing needs of the marketplace and makes it possible for Ashton-Tate to offer products that continually set the industry standard."

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