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ASHTON-TATE SHIPS dBASE III PLUS LAN PACK

TORRANCE, Calif., January 29, 1986 -- Ashton-Tate today announced it has begun shipping dBASE III PLUS LAN Pack, which enables multiple users to share dBASE III PLUS on a local area network.

dBASE III PLUS LAN Pack is a companion product to dBASE III PLUS, Ashton-Tate's new database management software product that combines both stand-alone and multi-user capability in a single package. Initial shipments to distributors and retail chains began January 24. Each dBASE III PLUS LAN Pack consists of three dBASE Access programs, which provide three additional users with economical, network-only access to dBASE III PLUS.

Each dBASE Access program connects to the dBASE Administrator, which is included in the dBASE III PLUS package. The dBASE Administrator, when installed on the network's server, is a shared database manager, providing true multi-user access to

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data files while preventing simultaneous access to the same record (record locking) or file (file locking).

dBASE III PLUS can be used as a powerful stand-alone product until the desire to network arises. It can then be linked on a network to other copies of dBASE III PLUS, or to dBASE Access programs from dBASE III PLUS LAN Pack. A four-user network created by one dBASE III PLUS and one dBASE III PLUS LAN Pack costs less than \$425 per node.

The suggested retail price of dBASE III PLUS LAN Pack is \$995 and includes three dBASE Access keys and three full sets of dBASE III PLUS documentation. dBASE III PLUS began shipments on December 30, 1985.

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