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**ASHTON-TATE SHIPS VERSION 1.1
OF FRAMEWORK III**

TORRANCE, California, February 1, 1989 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ: TATE) today announced the shipment of version 1.1 of Framework III, the company's integrated decision-support software. The new version features faster processing of financial functions, more efficient use of extended memory below 4MB, and 50K more free memory than Framework III version 1.0.

Priced at \$695, the new version is available now through Ashton-Tate's authorized reseller network. The update from Framework III 1.0 to the new version will be sent automatically, free of charge, to all registered Framework III users.

"Framework III version 1.1 follows our December 1988 announcement of Framework III LAN, and continues an aggressive development schedule for decision support products," said Bob Kimball, Ashton-Tate's Director of Decision Support Product Management.

"Framework III version 1.1 includes enhancements that have already been incorporated in Framework III LAN, thereby offering new features to both stand-alone and network users."

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PRODUCT FEATURES

As an integrated decision-support tool, Framework III allows managers to organize data, analyze alternative actions, communicate quickly and effectively with others and easily create applications to meet their specific needs. This is accomplished via the product's seamless integration of word processing, spreadsheet, database, graphics, telecommunications, outlining and electronic mail modules. All functions can be accessed from a single set of pull-down menus in an easy-to-use "desktop" environment.

The LAN version of Framework III, which features electronic mail, offers workgroups a complete office automation solution. The electronic mail facilitates local and remote workgroup applications -- such as group document preparation or financial planning and consolidation -- by allowing users to instantly mail live Framework III files to other workgroup members.

Other features of Framework III include:

Word Processing

- Integrated thesaurus
- Spell checker and automatic hyphenation available in several languages
- On-screen super- and sub-scripts, strikethrough, variable tabs, and ruler line
- Snaking column text that can wrap around spreadsheet tables and graphs
- Footnoting for individual documents or group document revision
- Menu selection of up to five printers, including laser cartridges

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Spreadsheet

Powerful linking and consolidation of spreadsheets, graphs, and databases, plus:

- Regional recalculation
- Over 160 built-in functions for full programming and macros
- Multiple spreadsheets on screen simultaneously
- Formulas up to 64,000 characters long including comments

Database

- Data entry typing
- Direct import and export of dBASE files
- Unlimited sort keys
- Table, dBASE-style and forms views

Import/Export

- dBASE IV, III PLUS, III and II
- Framework II and Framework
- WordPerfect
- Lotus 1-2-3 version 2.01
- MultiMate Advantage and Advantage II
- WordStar
- IBM DCA/Displaywrite

Ashton-Tate Corporation markets best-selling business application software for DOS, Macintosh and OS/2 environments. Products are available in five major categories: database management systems, word processing, graphics, decision support integrated software and spreadsheets. The Tate Publishing division offers third-party software applications as well as books and periodicals. The company also markets a comprehensive line of service and support programs for individuals, corporations, and government agencies.

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