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ASHTON-TATE ANNOUNCES FILING OF REGISTRATION STATEMENT

TORRANCE, Calif., March 26, 1986 -- Ashton-Tate announced today that it filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement for its previously announced proposed public offering of 1,300,000 shares of Common Stock. Net proceeds of the offering will be used for working capital and general corporate purposes.

Ashton-Tate develops, acquires, markets and supports microcomputer software to meet the information management, productivity and software development needs of businesses and professionals. Ashton-Tate is one of the three largest independent publishers of microcomputer software products.

L.F. Rothschild, Unterberg, Towbin, Inc. and Smith Barney, Harris Upham & Co. Incorporated will manage the underwriting group. Copies of the Preliminary Prospectus may be obtained from L.F. Rothschild, Unterberg, Towbin, Inc., 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041 or Smith Barney, Harris Upham & Co., Incorporated, 1345 Avenue of The Americas, New York, New York 10105.

A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission but has not yet become effective. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.