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<u>dBASE II® STILL THE INDUSTRY STANDARD</u>

<u>FOR EIGHT-BIT MICROCOMPUTERS</u>

CULVER CITY, Calif. -- Owners of dBASE II, the largest-selling relational database management software for microcomputers in the world, will continue to receive product upgrades from software publisher Ashton-Tate.

"We see dBASE II remaining as the top relational database management system for the eight-bit microcomputer," said David Cole, president and chief executive officer of Ashton-Tate. "Many of our 240,000 dBASE II users have eight-bit machines and these customers will continue to receive our service and support."

Additionally, dBASE II will continue to be sold to take advantage of the large untapped software market for eight-bit machines, Cole said.

The announcement was made at Ashton-Tate's introduction of dBASE III^{TM}, a relational database management software package designed exclusively for 16-bit and larger computers. dBASE III will not run on eight-bit machines.

dBASE II runs on most eight-bit and 16-bit microcomputers. Since its introduction three years ago, an industry has developed around the development of vertical dBASE^{TM} applications, dBASE II programming aids, books and training programs.

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"dBASE II will continue to be a top-quality product," Cole said. "We will stand behind our users, developers, programmers and new customers as we have in the past with continued product updates and technical and educational support."

Additionally, dBASE II users who wish to upgrade to dBASE III can easily do so without having to reenter data and programs.

dBASE II will continue to be sold by Ashton-Tate dealers at a new suggested retail price of $495.

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