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ASHTON-TATE'S MULTIMATE ADVANTAGE 3.60 COMPATIBLE WITH IBM'S TOKEN-RING NETWORK

TORRANCE, Calif., February 2, 1987 -- Ashton-Tate, the second-largest developer and marketer of microcomputer applications software, today announced that MultiMate Advantage Version 3.60 is fully compatible with IBM's Token-Ring Network.

"As a leader in the microcomputer word processing marketplace, MultiMate Advantage continues to offer comprehensive solutions for multi-user environments," said Roy E. Folk, executive vice president and general manager, Software Products Division.

"Compatibility with IBM's Token-Ring Network is important for providing MultiMate users with the means to utilize an industry-standard communications protocol."

The MultiMate Advantage LAN (local area network) Family includes three products that allow MultiMate Advantage 3.60 to

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operate on other key LANs including an IBM PC Network version, a Novell version that supports both Novell Netware/86 and Novell Advanced Netware/86, and a universal version that supports most other networks.

To operate on the Token-Ring Network, the IBM PC Net version of MultiMate Advantage 3.60 requires a minimum of 320K of free random access memory (RAM) with 640K recommended for optimal performance. In addition, the software requires version 1.12 of the IBM-PC Local Area Network Program.

IBM's Token-Ring Network is a high-speed communications service for interconnecting information processing equipment, such as microcomputers, at a local site.

MultiMate Advantage, the flagship product in the MultiMate word processing family, is an easy-to-use, powerful word processor providing the flexibility to meet both corporate and individual user needs. The LAN Family of products for MultiMate Advantage Version 3.60 allows it to operate on key local area networks.

Based in Torrance, Calif., Ashton-Tate reported revenues of \$147.9 million and net income of \$19.5 million for the first three months of fiscal 1987 ended October 31, 1986; increases of 85 percent and 83 percent, respectively, from the same period of the previous year.

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In addition to the word processing category, Ashton-Tate markets products in the database category with dBASE III PLUS and RapidFile, integrated software with Framework II and business graphics with the MASTER-Graphics Series.

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