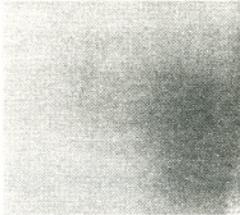


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BARRY BERKE NAMED VICE PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS FOR ASHTON-TATE

CULVER CITY, Calif. -- Software publisher Ashton-Tate has announced the appointment of Barry Berke as vice president of operations.

Berke, who will report to chief financial officer Norman Block, will be responsible for production, purchasing, production control, warehouse and distribution facilities and quality assurance.

Berke comes to Ashton-Tate from Visicorp, a San Jose-based software company, where he was director of operations. Prior to joining Visicorp, Berke was associated with the Rolm Corp.

"The addition of Barry Berke will enhance Ashton-Tate's entire operations and will assist us in continuing our tradition of providing high quality products on a timely basis to our customers," said David C. Cole, president and chief executive officer. "Barry's appointment demonstrates our ongoing commitment to providing our customers with the best service and products possible."

Berke holds a bachelor's degree in aeronautical and astronautical engineering from Ohio State University, and a MBA from the University of Santa Clara in Santa Clara, Calif.

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The company also announced the resignation of Rod Turner as vice president, international sales. Turner has accepted a position with a newly formed software company.

"We are sorry to see Rod leave Ashton-Tate," said Cole. "During the two and a half years that he has been with the company, Rod has made many invaluable contributions which have helped make Ashton-Tate a leader in the industry."

Cole announced that Ron Posner, former president of National Training Systems and member of the Ashton-Tate board of directors, will act as interim vice president, international sales until a new appointment is made.

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