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**ASHTON-TATE REORGANIZES PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION;
CLOSES GLENDALE FACILITY**

TORRANCE, Calif., August 29, 1990 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ:TATE) today announced it is reorganizing its software product development organization; closing a facility in Glendale, California, and reassigning employees there to positions in its Northern California Product Center (NCPC) in San Jose and corporate headquarters in Torrance.

The company said no lay-offs would result from this reorganization.

"In the past, we have had related dBASE product development efforts in process across four geographic locations," said Bill Lyons, Ashton-Tate's president. "By consolidating our development facilities and projects in fewer locations, we not only reduce costs, but also increase our development efficiency and productivity, improve communications and prioritization among projects, and reduce the time to market for future products."

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Ashton-Tate's Glendale site, which opened in November, 1983, houses a staff of approximately 40 development, test and support employees who focus principally on the company's database software products. Lyons expects the transition of equipment and people to its Northern and Southern California operations will last until the Glendale facility officially closes on September 28, 1990.

"Based on their skills and project load, some Glendale employees will be offered positions on development projects based in San Jose, while the remainder will work on development efforts in Torrance," said Dave Proctor, vice president and general manager of Ashton-Tate's Database Division. "This reorganization will enable us to capitalize on economies gained from combining related development efforts in the same location, especially in the cross platform and graphical user interface areas."

Proctor added that under the reorganization, a small staff of graphical user interface (GUI) developers based in Torrance would be moved to San Jose where they would join other GUI efforts already underway.

In a related move, Proctor will also be headquartered in the San Jose facility, according to Lyons.

"Our goal is to have senior management for Applications Group and Database Division development activities based in the same location. This should allow us to improve communications and to prioritize projects across the company," said Lyons.

Headquartered in Torrance, California, Ashton-Tate Corporation develops and markets microcomputer business

applications and advanced connectivity software. The company's major product categories include database management systems, word processing, integrated decision support, spreadsheets, graphics and software utilities. Ashton-Tate is an international company with products available in 20 languages in more than 50 countries. The company also offers a comprehensive line of consulting, training and support services for individuals, corporations and government agencies.

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