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**ASHTON-TATE TO SPOTLIGHT dBASE IV VERSION 1.1,
CROSS-PLATFORM PLANS AT SEPTEMBER TECHNICAL CONFERENCE**

TORRANCE, Calif., August 8, 1990 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ:TATE) today announced it will feature the recently-released dBASE IV version 1.1, and demonstrations of prototype cross-platform ports for that product, at its forthcoming Technical Conference, September 9-12, 1990, in Anaheim, California.

The conference will offer 40 technical sessions, many of which will highlight dBASE IV version 1.1 programming and usage tips, techniques and insights. Session topics include *What's New in dBASE IV version 1.1; Programming Techniques for Multiuser Applications; Getting the Most out of Windowing and Menus; and Optimizing dBASE Applications for Performance.*

"Our technical conference comes at a perfect time following the recent release of dBASE IV version 1.1," said Ron Dennis, head of Developer Services at Ashton-Tate. "There are many people out there who have a lot of questions about the product, and we have assembled a faculty of the most knowledgeable dBASE product

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experts to provide the answers."

Dennis said the conference will feature more than 70 speakers in all, including such noted dBASE product experts as Robert Davies, president, SBT Corporation; Adam Green, author and lecturer; Tony Lima, author and president of Pacific System Design Workshop, Inc.; Michael Masterson, president of the Silicon Valley dBASE User Group; and Dr. Peter L. Olympia, president of Darwin Systems.

During general sessions, Ashton-Tate executives and technologists, including president Bill Lyons, are scheduled to brief conference attendees on the company's strategies and plans. Heading discussion topics will be an update on Ashton-Tate's efforts to port dBASE IV to new hardware and operating system platforms.

According to Dennis, the conference will have a special laboratory in which attendees can see and test dBASE applications running on platforms ranging from PC-DOS and Apple's Macintosh, to 386 UNIX and VAX VMS.

The conference is open to all who are interested. Registration information can be obtained by calling 1-800-695-TATE.

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

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