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**MICROSOFT AND ASHTON-TATE SHIP
SQL SERVER NETWORK DEVELOPER'S KIT**

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Microsoft Corporation and Ashton-Tate Corporation today announced they began shipping as scheduled, on October 31, 1988, the SQL Server Network Developer's Kit. The kit includes pre-release software, documentation and application programming interface (API) libraries for the Ashton-Tate/Microsoft SQL Server and MS OS/2 LAN Manager, Microsoft's local area networking operating system. The API libraries may be used with Microsoft's C compiler to create applications with MS-DOS, Windows or OS/2 that work with SQL Server over a local area network.

The SQL Server Network Developer's Kit is sold directly by Ashton-Tate within the United States and Canada and Microsoft within the United States at an introductory price of \$1,995 (through the end of 1988). Microsoft is offering a \$500 discount to developers who purchased the Microsoft OS/2 Software Developer's Kit or attended one of the Microsoft Advanced Network Development Conferences. Ashton-Tate is offering a \$500 discount to developers who attended the 1988 Ashton-Tate Developer's Conference. Developers may order the kit by calling Ashton-Tate at (213) 538-7755 or Microsoft at (800)443-4672.

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The kit, which is sold for development use only, also includes a coupon that allows purchasers to upgrade to a full-use copy of the Ashton-Tate/Microsoft SQL Server for \$300 when the product ships.

Ashton-Tate is developing a future version of dBASE IV, dBASE IV Version 1.1, which will allow developers to build dBASE applications that support SQL Server.

The Ashton-Tate/Microsoft SQL Server is an OS/2-based software platform that provides high-level database services to networked users. These services include DOS- and OS/2-based concurrent multi-user database access from a wide variety of front-end applications, including PC databases, spreadsheets, accounting systems and others. SQL Server runs on a server in a local area network and requires OS/2 on the server and an OS/2 network operating system.

Microsoft Corporation (NASDAQ:MSFT) develops, markets and supports a wide range of software for business and professional use, including operating systems, languages, and applications programs, as well as books and hardware for the microcomputer marketplace.

Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ:TATE) is one of the largest developers and marketers of business applications software. Its products cover six applications areas including database management systems, word processing, business graphics, integrated decision support systems, spreadsheets, and desktop publishing.

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