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Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

**Re: Certification: New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc.
Submission #04.95 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the
Gold, Silver, Copper, Heating Oil, Crude Oil, Unleaded Gasoline and
Natural Gas Option Contracts)**

Dear CFTC Commissioners:

Pursuant to COMEX Rule 15.03(c), COMEX Rule 16.03, COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20, the President of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange") has directed that additional strike prices be added for certain contract months in the Gold, Silver, Copper, Heating Oil, Crude Oil, Unleaded Gasoline and Natural Gas option contracts as detailed below:

- (A) On July 14, 2004, the Exchange added a call and a put:
 - (1) at the strike price of 15300 for the December 2004 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;
 - (2) at the strike price of 15600 for the December 2004 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;

- (B) On July 15, 2004, the Exchange added a call and a put:
 - (3) at the strike price of 13700 for the October 2004 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;
 - (4) at the strike prices of 13400 and 15600 for the December 2004 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;
 - (5) at the strike price of 6350 for the March 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(6) at the strike price of 12600 for the April 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

(7) at the strike prices of 950 and 1000 for the December 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

(C) On July 16, 2004, the Exchange added a call and a put:

(8) at the strike price of 126 for the August 2004 contract month of the Copper option contract;

(9) at the strike price of 15700 for the September 2004 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;

(10) at the strike price of 142 for the October 2004 contract month of the Copper option contract;

(11) at the strike price of 13700 for the November 2004 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

(12) at the strike price of 5400 for the November 2004 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;

(13) at the strike prices of 13700 and 16200 for the December 2004 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

(14) at the strike price of 5300 for the December 2004 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;

(D) On July 19, 2004, the Exchange added a call and a put:

(15) at the strike price of 465 for the September 2004 contract month of the Gold option contract;

(16) at the strike price of 5700 for the September 2004 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;

(17) at the strike price of 15700 for the December 2004 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

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(18) at the strike price of 9750 for the March 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract; and

(19) at the strike price of 5100 for the June 2005 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract.

Pursuant to the terms of COMEX Rule 15.03(c), COMEX Rule 16.03, COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20, the strike prices noted above are in increments that are consistent with the pricing for the underlying futures contract. COMEX Rule 15.03(c), COMEX Rule 16.03, COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20 permit such directed strike prices to be effective upon adoption, provided that notice to the CFTC is given within three business days of the strike price listing.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2207.

Very truly yours,

Brian Regan
Vice President & Counsel

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