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

RE: Rule Certification. NYMEX Submission 04.165: Addition of New Friday Afternoon Trading Session on NYMEX ACCESS® for Gold, Silver, Copper and Aluminum Futures Contracts

Dear Ms. Webb:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") of a self-certification filing involving listed trading hours on NYMEX ACCESS® for certain listed COMEX contracts. Specifically, the Exchange will amend the NYMEX ACCESS^(r) trading session for Gold, Silver, Copper and Aluminum such that a new trading session will be added on Friday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Prior to this change, there had been no NYMEX ACCESS® session on Friday for these contracts.) The new trading hours will commence on Friday, December 3, 2004 (for trade date Monday, December 6, 2004). Please note that the open outcry trading hours for these contracts will remain unchanged. Accordingly, the new trading hours on NYMEX ACCESS^(r) for these four COMEX futures contracts will be as follows:

(Gold, Silver and Copper)	
Sundays:	7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
Mondays through Thursdays:	2:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
FRIDAYS:	2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(Aluminum)	
Sundays:	7:00 p.m. to 7:40 a.m.
Mondays through Thursdays:	2:00 p.m. to 7:40 a.m.
FRIDAYS:	2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that this change in trading hours complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act.

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The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc., is composed of two divisions. The NYMEX Division offers trading in crude oil, heating oil, unleaded gasoline, natural gas, electricity, coal, propane, platinum, and palladium. The COMEX Division offers trading in gold, silver, copper, and aluminum.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Regan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

Brian Regan
Vice President and Counsel