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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 05.68: Listing of COMEX Gold Options on NYMEX ACCESS®

Dear Ms. Webb:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") of a self-certification filing in connection with the new listing of COMEX Gold Options on NYMEX ACCESS®.

Hours for Trading Gold Options (OG) Contract on NYMEX ACCESS®:

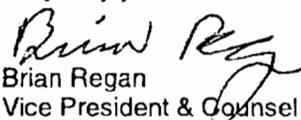
Sundays:	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Mondays through Thursdays:	2:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Fridays Extended Session:	2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Listed Months:

Gold Options (OG) Contract on NYMEX ACCESS® will be listed for three consecutive months (spot month plus two).

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the expansion of trading of the Gold Option contract to extend to listing on NYMEX ACCESS® complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act. This listing will commence as of trade date April 11, 2005. Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2207.

Very truly yours,


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