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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: Certification: New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc.
Submission #05.73 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the
Gold, Silver, Copper, Unleaded Gasoline, Natural Gas and Related
Calendar Spread 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, Unleaded Gasoline, Natural Gas and related Calendar Spread option contracts as detailed below:

- (A) On April 18, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
1. at the strike prices of 0 and 1000 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas One month Calendar Spread option contract;
- (B) On April 19, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
2. at the strike price of 152 for the June 2005 contract month of the Copper option contract;
 3. at the strike price of 158 for the June 2005 contract month of the Copper option contract;
 4. at the strike price of 148 for the July 2005 contract month of the Copper option contract;
 5. at the strike prices of 20700 and 20900 for the August 2005 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;

6. at the strike price of 650 for the March 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

7. at the strike price of 750 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas One month Calendar Spread option contract;

8. at the strike price of 7650 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(C) On April 20, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

9. at the strike price of 134 for the July 2005 contract month of the Copper option contract;

10. at the strike price of 495 for the December 2005 contract month of the Gold option contract;

(D) On April 21, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

11. at the strike price of -120 for the June 2005 contract month of the Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

12. at the strike prices of -135, -175 and -200 for the June 2005 contract month of the Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract; and

13. at the strike prices of -65 and -120 for the July 2005 contract month of the Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread 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.

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

Very truly yours,

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