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Re: Certification: New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc.  
Submission #05.214 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the  
Gold, Copper, Silver, Natural Gas, Crude Oil, Heating Oil 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, Copper, Silver, Natural Gas, Crude Oil, Heating Oil and related Calendar Spread option contracts as detailed below:

- (A) On November 28, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
1. at the strike price of -340 for the January 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;
  2. at the strike price of 12550 for the April 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
  3. at the strike price of 8100 for the May 2006 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;
  4. at the strike price of 8400 for the June 2006 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;
  5. at the strike price of 640 for the June 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract.
  6. at the strike price of 700 for the December 2007 contract month of the Gold option contract;

(B) On November 29, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

7. at the strike price of 29000 for the April 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

8. at the strike price of 620 for the April 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

9. at the strike price of 610 for the June 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

10. at the strike price of 8800 for the July 2006 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;

(C) On November 30, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

11. at the strike price of -85 for the January 2006 contract month of the Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

12. at the strike price of 25700 for the February 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

13. at the strike prices of 230 and 235 for the February 2006 contract month of the Copper option contract;

14. at the strike prices of 192 and 225 for the March 2006 contract month of the Copper option contract;

15. at the strike prices of 525 and 580 for the April 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

16. at the strike price of 8700 for the July 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

17. at the strike price of 18500 for the December 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

18. at the strike price of 610 for the December 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

- (D) On December 1, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
19. at the strike price of 1100 for the February 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;
  20. at the strike price of -40 for the February 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;
  21. at the strike price of 198 for the March 2006 contract month of the Copper option contract;
  22. at the strike prices of 360 and 555 for the April 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;
  23. at the strike prices of 515 and 680 for the June 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;
  24. at the strike price of 8550 for the June 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
  25. at the strike price of 8550 for the September 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
  26. at the strike price of 630 for the October 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;
  27. at the strike price of 570 for the December 2007 contract month of the Gold 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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