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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 #05.216 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the
Gold, Silver, Natural Gas and Related Calendar Spread Option Contracts)

Dear CFTC Commissioners:

Pursuant to COMEX Rule 15.03(c), COMEX Rule 16.03 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, Natural Gas and related Calendar Spread option contracts as detailed below:

- (A) On December 8, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
1. at the strike price of 535 for the January 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;
 2. at the strike price of 1150 for the February 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;
 3. at the strike price of 28000 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
 4. at the strike price of 650 for the April 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;
 5. at the strike prices of 630 and 650 for the June 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;
 6. at the strike price of 535 for the December 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

(B) On December 9, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

7. at the strike price of 555 for the January 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

8. at the strike price of 565 for the February 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

9. at the strike price of 1200 for the February 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

10. at the strike price of -190 for the February 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

11. at the strike price of 590 for the February 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

12. at the strike prices of 535, 610, 670 and 700 for the April 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

13. at the strike price of -75 for the April 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

14. at the strike price of -75 for the May 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

15. at the strike price of 16000 for the June 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

16. at the strike price of -75 for the June 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

17. at the strike prices of 16000 and 17000 for the July 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

18. at the strike price of -75 for the July 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

19. at the strike prices of 16000 and 17000 for the August 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

20. at the strike price of -75 for the August 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

21. at the strike prices of 16000 and 17000 for the September 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

22. at the strike price of -75 for the September 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

23. at the strike prices of -75 and 75 for the October 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

24. at the strike price of -75 for the November 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

25. at the strike price of 610 for the December 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

26. at the strike price of -75 for the December 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

(C) On December 12, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

27. at the strike price of 1100 for the January 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

28. at the strike price of 555 for the February 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

29. at the strike prices of 1075 and 1250 for the February 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

30. at the strike prices of 840 and 1400 for the March 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

31. at the strike price of 35000 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

32. at the strike prices of 545, 605, 630 and 720 for the April 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

33. at the strike prices of 840, 1600 and 1700 for the May 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

34. at the strike price of 670 for the June 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

35. at the strike prices of 680 and 690 for the August 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

36. at the strike price of 575 for the December 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract; and

37. at the strike prices of 1600 and 1800 for the December 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract.

Pursuant to the terms of COMEX Rule 15.03(c), COMEX Rule 16.03 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 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,

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Vice President & Counsel

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