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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 #05.217 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the
Gold, Silver, Copper, Natural Gas, Unleaded Gasoline 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, Natural Gas, Unleaded Gasoline and related Calendar Spread option contracts as detailed below:

- (A) On December 13, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
1. at the strike price of 400 for the January 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;
 2. at the strike price of 830 for the January 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;
 3. at the strike price of 19750 for the January 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
 4. at the strike price of 19600 for the February 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
 5. at the strike prices of 18700, 19100, 19600, 19800 and 21250 for the June 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
 6. at the strike price of 595 for the April 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

7. at the strike prices of 23200 and 23900 for the June 2006 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;

(B) On December 14, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

8. at the strike price of -95 for the January 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

9. at the strike prices of 410 and 420 for the January 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

10. at the strike price of 840 for the January 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

11. at the strike price of 192 for the February 2006 contract month of the Copper option contract;

12. at the strike price of 720 for the February 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

13. at the strike price of -65 for the February 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

14. at the strike prices of 3500 and 4000 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas One month Calendar Spread option contract;

15. at the strike price of 18600 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

16. at the strike price of 21500 for the April 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(C) On December 15, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

17. at the strike price of 840 for the February 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

18. at the strike prices of 17900 and 28000 for the February 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

19. at the strike price of 505 for the June 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

20. at the strike price of 1025 for the December 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract; and

21. at the strike prices of 15700 and 16500 for the December 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas 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.

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

Very truly yours,

Brian Regan
Vice President & Counsel

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