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BY EMAIL
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 #05.221 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the
      Gold, Silver, Copper, Natural Gas, Unleaded Gasoline, 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, Silver, Copper, Natural Gas, Unleaded Gasoline, Crude Oil, Heating Oil and related Calendar Spread option contracts as detailed below:

(A)   On December 16, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

1.   at the strike price of -115 for the January 2006 contract month of the Crude Oil Calendar Spread option contract;

2.   at the strike price of 24300 for the April 2006 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;

3.   at the strike price of 8300 for the July 2006 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;

4.   at the strike price of 1500 for the December 2008 contract month of the Silver option contract;

(B)   On December 19, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

5.   at the strike price of 35000 for the February 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

6. at the strike price of 240 for the February 2006 contract month of the Copper option contract;

7. at the strike price of 960 for the March 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

8. at the strike prices of 860 and 910 for the March 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

9. at the strike price of 700 for the April 2006 contract month of the Crude Oil Gasoline Crack option contract;

10. at the strike price of 1500 for the September 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

11. at the strike price of -100 for the August 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

12. at the strike price of -100 for the September 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil one month Calendar Spread option contract;

13. at the strike price of -100 for the October 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil one month Calendar Spread option contract;

14. at the strike price of -100 for the November 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil one month Calendar Spread option contract;

15. at the strike price of -100 for the December 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil one month Calendar Spread option contract;

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

16. at the strike price of 26000 for the February 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

17. at the strike price of 505 for the April 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

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

18. at the strike price of -90 for the February 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract.

19. at the strike price of 575 for the June 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract; and

20. at the strike price of 23400 for the June 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil 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,

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