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Re: Certification: New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc.
Submission #05.226 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the
Silver, Copper, 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 Silver, Copper, Natural Gas and related Calendar Spread option contracts as detailed below:

- (A) On December 29, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
1. at the strike price of 860 for the February 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;
 2. at the strike price of 870 for the March 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;
 3. at the strike price of 204 for the March 2006 contract month of the Copper option contract;
 4. at the strike prices of 1300 and 1400 for the May 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;
 5. at the strike price of 8050 for the June 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

6. at the strike price of 18750 for the December 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(B) On December 30, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

7. at the strike price of -200 for the February 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract; and

8. at the strike price of 1150 for the September 2006 contract month of the Silver 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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