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**VIA FACSIMILE**

Office of the Secretariat  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Centre  
1155 21st Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20581

**Re: Rule Certification. New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. Submission #:06.27  
NYMEX Certification of Expanded Listing of Contract Months for NYMEX,  
Crude Oil Calendar Spread Option Contracts.**

Dear CFTC Commissioners:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") that it is expanding the listed contract months for the Exchange's Crude Oil contracts. Specifically, there will be a one-month Calendar Spread Option for each underlying Crude Oil futures spread. Currently, it currently lists 60 consecutive one-month Calendar Spread Crude Oil Options. As a result, one-month Calendar Spread Options will be listed for consecutively beginning with the March-April 06 Spread through the November-December 11 Spread.

This expansion in listed Calendar Spread Option contracts will go into effect at the commencement of trading on NYMEX Regular Trading Hours on Friday, February 17, 2006. Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the listing of these additional months complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Bob Biolsi at (212) 299-2610, or contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2390

Very truly yours,

Robert Levin  
Sr. Vice President

cc: Christopher K. Bowen