

March 28, 2013

VIA E-MAIL

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

**Re: Rule 40.6 (a) Certification. Notification Regarding the Extension of the Contract Month Listing Schedule of the Platinum Option and Palladium Option Contracts on the NYMEX Trading Floor and for Submission for Clearing through CME ClearPort
NYMEX Submission #13-072**

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (“NYMEX” or “Exchange”) is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it is self-certifying the extension of the contract month listing schedule of the Exchange’s existing Platinum Option and Palladium Option contracts on the NYMEX trading floor and for clearing through CME ClearPort.

The contract title, rule chapter, and clearing code.

Contract Name	Rule Chapter	Clearing Code
Platinum Option	360	PO
Palladium Option	119	PAO

The contract month listing rules for the Platinum option contract and the Palladium option contract are being extended to include a third quarterly contract month. As a result of this amendment, the most active contract months of January and December for the Platinum option contract and Palladium option contract, respectively, will always be available for trading and clearing.

The current contract month listing rules for the Platinum option contract and Palladium option contract are being amended as follows:

Platinum Option:

Trading is conducted in the nearest three consecutive calendar contract months, plus the next ~~two~~[three](#) months of the quarterly cycle of January, April, July, and October.

Palladium Option:

Trading is conducted in the nearest three consecutive calendar contract months, plus the next ~~two~~[three](#) months of the quarterly cycle of March, June, September, and December.

Exchange business staff responsible for the rule amendments and the Exchange legal department collectively reviewed the designated contract market core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (the “Act” or “CEA”). During the review, Exchange staff identified that the listing of the existing contract on an additional trading venue may have some bearing on the following Core Principles:

- Daily Publication of Trading Information: The Exchange shall make public daily information on settlement prices, volume, open interest, and opening and closing ranges for actively traded contracts on the contract market.
- Execution of Transactions: The existing contracts are dually listed for trading on CME Globex and the NYMEX trading floor and for clearing through the CME ClearPort platform. The CME Globex platform provides a transparent, open and efficient mechanism to electronically execute trades on screen. In addition, the NYMEX trading floor continues to be available as a trading venue and provide for competitive and open execution of transactions. The CME ClearPort platform continues to provide a competitive and open execution of transactions by brokers.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the extension of the contract month listing schedule of the Platinum option contract and Palladium option contract complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal. The addition of trading venue shall become effective on Sunday, April 14, 2013 for trade date Monday, April 15, 2013.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange’s website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (312) 930-8167 or Sean.Downey@cmegroup.com.

Sincerely,

/s/Sean M. Downey
Senior Director & Associate General Counsel