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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 #05.83 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the
Gold, Copper, Natural Gas and Crude Oil Option Contracts)

Dear CFTC Commissioners:

Pursuant to COMEX Rule 15.03(C), 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, Copper, Natural Gas and Crude Oil option contracts as detailed below:

- (A) On May 10, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
 - 1. at the strike price of 156 for the September 2005 contract month of the Copper option contract;

- (B) On May 11, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
 - 2. at the strike price of 7100 for the October 2005 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;
 - 3. at the strike price of 158 for the November 2005 contract month of the Copper option contract;
 - 4. at the strike prices of 6650 and 9150 for the December 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
 - 5. at the strike price of 365 for the December 2005 contract month of the Gold option contract;

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6. at the strike price of 9150 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
7. at the strike price of 9150 for the April 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
8. at the strike price of 9150 for the May 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
9. at the strike price of 9000 for the September 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract; and
10. at the strike prices of 15000 and 19000 for the October 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract.

Pursuant to the terms of COMEX Rule 15.03(C), 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 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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