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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: Rule Certification. New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. Submission #05.89:  
Listing on NYMEX ACCESS® of Additional Contract Months for Gold  
Options Contract**

Dear CFTC Commissioners:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") of the listing on NYMEX ACCESS® of additional contract months for the Gold Options contract. The Exchange has been listing just three consecutive months (the front month and the two contract months immediately following the first listed contract month). The Exchange is expanding the number of contract months listed on NYMEX ACCESS® to 15 months, the same number of contract months listed for floor trading, and also following the same listing procedures as set forth in COMEX Rule 115.02 ("Trading Months of Gold Futures Options"). 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 contract months complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act; this rule change will be implemented effective for trade date May 24, 2005.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2207.

Very truly yours,

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The NYMEX Division offers trading in crude oil, heating oil, unleaded gasoline,  
natural gas, electricity, coal, propane, platinum, and palladium. The COMEX Division  
offers trading in gold, silver, copper, and aluminum.*