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Re: Certification: New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc.
Submission #05.143 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the
Gold, Silver, Copper, Heating Oil, Crude Oil, Natural Gas and Unleaded
Gasoline 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 Gold, Silver, Copper, Heating Oil, Crude Oil, Natural Gas and Unleaded Gasoline option contracts as detailed below:

- (A) On August 11, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
1. at the strike price of 21600 for the October 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;
 2. at the strike price of 17000 for the November 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
 3. at the strike price of 22100 for the November 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;
 4. at the strike price of 8200 for the November 2005 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;
 5. at the strike price of 24400 for the December 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;
 6. at the strike price of 9800 for the December 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

7. at the strike price of 168 for the December 2005 contract month of the Copper option contract;

8. at the strike price of 21600 for the February 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

9. at the strike prices of 9900, 10500 and 10150 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

10. at the strike price of 15000 for the May 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

11. at the strike price of 850 for the May 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

12. at the strike price of 14000 for the June 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(B) On August 12, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

13. at the strike price of 21700 for the September 2005 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;

14. at the strike price of 9650 for the September 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

15. at the strike price of 178 for the October 2005 contract month of the Copper option contract;

16. at the strike price of 8300 for the October 2005 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;

17. at the strike price of 23100 for the October 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

18. at the strike prices of 12200 and 14000 for the December 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

19. at the strike price of 9200 for the January 2006 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;

20. at the strike prices of 8100 and 8400 for the February 2006 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;

21. at the strike prices of 21200 and 21900 for the February 2006 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;

22. at the strike price of 7800 for the March 2006 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;

23. at the strike prices of 10300 and 10350 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

24. at the strike price of 510 for the April 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract; and

25. at the strike price of 8600 for the June 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas 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,

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