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Re: Certification: New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc.
Submission #05.224 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the
Gold, Silver, Copper and Related Calendar Spread 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 and related Calendar Spread option contracts as detailed below:

- (A) On December 22, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
1. at the strike price of -75 for the February 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;
 2. at the strike price of 590 for the December 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;
- (B) On December 23, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
3. at the strike price of 910 for the February 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;
 4. at the strike price of 910 for the September 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

(C) On December 27, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

5. at the strike price of 575 for the April 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

6. at the strike price of 1400 for the July 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

(D) On December 28, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

7. at the strike prices of 465 and 505 for the March 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

8. at the strike price of 1150 for the May 2006 contract month of the Silver option contract;

9. at the strike price of 545 for the June 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

10. at the strike price of 230 for the July 2006 contract month of the Copper option contract; and

11. at the strike price of 1250 for the September 2006 contract month of the Silver 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.

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

Very truly yours,

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