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John W. Labuszewski
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20 South Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois, 60606-7499

Re: Chicago Mercantile Exchange request for Approval of the Credit Event Futures contracts on Centex Corporation, Jones Apparel Group, and Tribune Corporation. (CME Submission #06-76)

Dear Mr. Labuszewski:

In correspondence dated October 17, and October 24, 2006, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) made a voluntary request for Commission review and approval of the proposed Credit Event Futures contracts based on Centex Corporation, Jones Apparel Group, and Tribune Corporation, pursuant to Section 5c(c)(2) of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act) and Commission Regulation 40.3. Section 5c(c)(2) of the Act requires the Commission to take final action on a request for approval within 90 days after receipt of the submission. Commission Regulation 40.3(b) specifies that products submitted for Commission review and approval are deemed approved 45 days after receipt by the Commission or at the conclusion of an extended review period of up to 45 additional days, as provided in Commission Regulation 40.3(c).

The proposed contracts raise novel and complex issues. Accordingly, please be advised that, in accordance with Commission Regulation 40.3(c), the 45-day Fast-Track review period has been extended, pursuant to the delegated authority of Commission Regulation 40.7(a), by 45 days until January 16, 2007. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Leahy of my staff at (202) 418-5278.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Shilts

Director