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**Re: Certification: New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc.
Submission #04.99 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the
Gold, Silver, Copper, Heating Oil, Crude Oil, Unleaded Gasoline,
Natural Gas 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, Heating Oil, Crude Oil, Unleaded Gasoline, Natural Gas and related Calendar Spread option contracts as detailed below:

- (A) On July 27, 2004, the Exchange added a call and a put:
- (1) at the strike price of 14800 for the October 2004 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;
 - (2) at the strike price of 14300 for the January 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;
 - (3) at the strike price of 520 for the April 2005 contract month of the Gold option contract;
 - (4) at the strike price of 600 for the June 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;
- (B) On July 28, 2004, the Exchange added a call and a put:
- (5) at the strike price of 14200 for the January 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

(6) at the strike price of 8200 for the November 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(7) at the strike price of 8200 for the December 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(8) at the strike price of 8200 for the January 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(9) at the strike price of 8200 for the February 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(10) at the strike prices of 6400 and 8200 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(11) at the strike price of 3900 for the December 2007 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;

(C) On July 29, 2004, the Exchange added a call and a put:

(12) at the strike price of 800 for the October 2004 contract month of the Silver option contract;

(13) at the strike price of 14300 for the October 2004 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

(14) at the strike price of 156 for the December 2004 contract month of the Copper option contract;

(15) at the strike price of 7600 for the December 2004 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(16) at the strike price of 8200 for the January 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(17) at the strike price of 8700 for the February 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(18) at the strike price of 185 for the December 2005 contract month of the WTI Brent Twelve month Calendar Spread option contract;

(19) at the strike prices of 3450 and 3600 for the December 2007 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;

(D) On July 30, 2004, the Exchange added a call and a put:

(20) at the strike price of 15300 for the October 2004 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;

(21) at the strike price of 14400 for the October 2004 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

(22) at the strike prices of 7550 and 8650 for the December 2004 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(23) at the strike prices of 14100 and 14600 for the January 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

(24) at the strike price of 14800 for the February 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

(25) at the strike prices of 5850 and 6600 for the September 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(26) at the strike price of 175 for the December 2005 contract month of the WTI Brent Twelve month Calendar Spread option contract;

(27) at the strike prices of 6200, 6450 and 6550 for the March 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.

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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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