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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. David Stawick
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Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: Rule Certification. New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. Submission #09.143: Notification Regarding the Listing of Nine New Petroleum Futures Contracts for Clearing and Trading on CME ClearPort®

Dear Mr. Stawick:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or the "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it is self-certifying the listing of nine (9) new financially settled petroleum futures contracts for trading and for submission for clearing on CME ClearPort.

The nine petroleum contracts, commodity codes and rule chapters are as follows:

		<u> Rule</u>
Contract	<u>Code</u>	Chapter
Dated Brent (Platts) Daily Swap	7G	714
Premium Unleaded Gasoline 10ppm (Platts) Rdam FOB Barges Swap	7L	715
Premium Unleaded Gasoline 10ppm (Platts) Rdam FOB Barges BALMO Swap	7N	716
EuroBob Gasoline 10ppm (Platts) Rdam FOB Barges Swap	7P	717
EuroBob Gasoline 10ppm (Platts) Rdam FOB Barges BALMO Swap	7S	719
Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy (Argus) NWE Barges Swap		729
Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy (Argus) NWE Barges BALMO Swap		731
Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy (Argus) NWE Barges Crack Spread Swap	7K	732
Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy (Argus) NWE Barges Crack Spread BALMO Swap	71	733

These nine new futures contracts will be financially settled. The contracts will be listed on the CME ClearPort electronic trading and clearing systems beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 2, 2009 for trade date Monday, August 3, 2009.

The first listed month for these contracts will be the August 2009 contract month. The Dated Brent contract (7G) will be listed for three consecutive months. The Premium Unleaded Gasoline 10ppm (Platts) Rdam FOB Barges Swap Futures (7L), EuroBob Gasoline 10ppm (Platts) Rdam FOB Barges Swap Futures (7P), Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy (Argus) NWE Barges Swap Futures (7H), and Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy (Argus) NWE Barges Crack Spread Swap Futures (7K) will be listed for 36 consecutive months. The BALMO contracts (7N, 7S, 7R, and

7I) will be listed for one month and the following month for 10 business days prior to the start of the contract month.

These nine new petroleum futures contracts will be available during normal trading hours on CME ClearPort. Electronic trading and clearing is conducted from 6:00 p.m. Sunday until 5:15 p.m. Friday (New York prevailing time). There is a 45-minute halt in trading each day between 5:15 p.m. (current trade date) and 6:00 p.m. (next trade date).

In addition, the Exchange will allow exchange of futures for physical ("EFP") and exchange of futures for swap ("EFS") transactions to be submitted through the CME ClearPort. The EFP and EFS transactions in these futures contracts will be governed by the provisions of Exchange Rules 6.21 and 6.21A, respectively.

Although the supplemental market information attached herewith includes the recommended position limits for nine new petroleum futures contracts, a separate filing will be submitted to the Commission to self-certify those position limits.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rules 40.2 and 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the attached contracts comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Daniel Brusstar at (212) 299-2604, or me at (312) 648-5422.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stephen M. Szarmack
Director and Associate General Counsel

Attachment: Appendix A (Contract Terms and Conditions)

Appendix B (Supplemental Information)

APPENDIX A

Dated Brent (Platts) Daily Swap Futures

714.01 Scope

The provisions of these Rules shall apply to all contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price.

714.02 Floating Price

The Floating Price for each Dated Brent (Platts) Daily Swap Futures contract is the daily mid-point between the high and low quotations from the Platts Crude Oil Marketwire for the Dated Brent assessment for each business day that it is determined during the contract month.

714.03 Contract Quantity and Value

The contract quantity shall be 1,000 U.S. barrels. Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity (1,000) multiplied by the settlement price.

714.04 Contract Listing Schedule

Trading shall be conducted in contracts in such duration as shall be determined by the Exchange.

714.05 Prices and Fluctuations

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per barrel. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.001 per barrel. There shall be no maximum price fluctuation.

714.06 Termination of Trading

Trading shall cease at the close of the business day of the daily contract.

714.07 Final Settlement

Delivery under the contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a daily contract, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each daily contract.

714.08 Exchange of Futures for, or in Connection with, Product and Exchange of Futures for, or in Connection with, Swap Transactions

Any Exchange of Futures for, or in connection with, Product (EFP) or Exchange of Futures for, or in connection with, Swap (EFS) transactions shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 6.21 and 6.21A, respectively.

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Premium Unleaded Gasoline 10 ppm (Platts) Rdam FOB Barges Swap Futures

715.01 Scope

The provisions of these Rules shall apply to all contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price.

715.02 Floating Price

The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts European Marketscan for Premium Unleaded Gasoline 10ppm under the heading "Rotterdam FOB Barges" for each business day that it is determined during the contract month.

715.03 Contract Quantity and Value

The contract quantity shall be 1,000 metric tons. Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity (1,000) multiplied by the settlement price.

715.04 Contract Months

Trading shall be conducted in contracts in such months as shall be determined by the Exchange.

715.05 Prices and Fluctuations

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per metric ton. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.001 per metric ton. There shall be no maximum price fluctuation.

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Delivery under the contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.

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Premium Unleaded Gasoline 10 ppm (Platts) Rdam FOB Barges BALMO Swap Futures

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The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the balance-of-month arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts European Marketscan for Premium Unleaded Gasoline 10ppm under the heading "Rotterdam FOB Barges" from the selected start date through the end of the month.

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EuroBob Gasoline 10ppm (Platts) Rdam FOB Barges Swap Futures

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The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Platts European Marketscan for Premium Unl Eurobob Gasoline 10ppm under the heading "Rotterdam FOB Barges" for each business day that it is determined during the contract month.

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EuroBob Gasoline 10ppm (Platts) Rdam FOB Barges BALMO Swap Futures

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719.02 Floating Price

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Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy (Argus) NWE Barges Swap Futures

729.01 Scope

The provisions of these Rules shall apply to all contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price.

729.02 Floating Price

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Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy (Argus) NWE Barges BALMO Swap Futures

731.01 Scope

The provisions of these Rules shall apply to all contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price.

731.02 Floating Price

The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the balance-of-month arithmetic average of the mid-point of the high and low quotations from the Argus Media for Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy NWE Barges from the selected start date through the end of the month.

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Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy (Argus) NWE Barges Crack Spread Swap Futures

732.01 Scope

The provisions of these Rules shall apply to all contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price.

732.02 Floating Price

The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the mid-point between the high and low quotations from the Argus Media for Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy NWE Barges minus the Brent Crude Oil (ICE) Futures contract first nearby settlement price for each business day during the contract month (using Non-common pricing), except for (A) below.

For purposes of determining the Floating Price, the gasoline assessment price will be converted each day to U.S. dollars and cents per barrel, rounded to the nearest cent. The conversion factor will be 8.33 barrels per metric ton.

(A) The settlement prices of the 1st nearby contract month will be used except on the last day of trading for the expiring Brent Crude Oil Futures contract when the settlement prices of the 2nd nearby contract will be used.

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APPENDIX B

SUPPLEMENTAL MARKET INFORMATION

Price Sources: Platts, Argus and ICE

The price reporting services used for the final settlement of the new European petroleum futures contracts are Platts, Argus, and the IntercontinentalExchange ("ICE"). These price sources are the major pricing services that are used in the over-the-counter (OTC) market for pricing swap contracts, and the methodology utilized is well-known in the oil industry.

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or the "Exchange") has license agreements with Platts and Argus to utilize their pricing data. Both Platts and Argus have long-standing reputations in the industry in publishing price benchmarks that are fair and not manipulated. The pricing methodology for Platts and Argus is derived from telephone surveys and electronic data collected from multiple market participants to determine market value.

ICE's Brent Futures contract is used to settle the crude oil leg of the two Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy (Argus) crack spread contracts. The ICE settlement prices are widely disseminated global benchmarks. ICE is regulated by the U.K. Financial Services Authority ("FSA") and the CFTC has reviewed the FSA's regulatory structure and determined it to be comparable to that of the CFTC. As such, the Exchange relies upon the disseminated settlement prices of FSA-regulated contracts.

Brent Crude Oil Market

The Brent crude oil market represents a robust and liquid trading hub in Europe. Brent, which consists of a blend of four light, sweet crude oil grades from the North Sea: Brent; Forties; Oseberg; and Ekofisk (collectively known as "BFOE"), serves as an international benchmark grade. According to data collected by consulting firm Consilience Energy Advisory Group, the total production of BFOE, commonly called "Brent", is approximately 1.5 million barrels per day. The Brent cash market typically trades in cargo size units of 600,000 barrels. Pursuant to conversations with market participants, ten to fifteen cargo-size transactions are traded on a daily basis. Furthermore, Platts has confirmed that twenty to thirty active participants contribute daily to its price indices, which supports our belief that the Platts prices are determined competitively and without instances of abuse. These factors, among other things, contribute to a highly liquid BFOE cash market involving diverse commercial companies.

In the OTC swaps market, Brent is considered a highly liquid benchmark derivative instrument because of its daily trading volume of approximately seven to ten million barrels. The typical OTC transaction size consists of 100,000 barrels, with 75 to 100 transactions traded daily in the OTC swaps market. The bid/ask spreads are typically in increments of 10 cents per barrel, which reflects robust liquidity in the OTC market. In addition, the Brent Futures market is highly liquid. The average daily trading volume in ICE's Brent Futures contract in 2008 is more than 250,000 contracts, with open interest of over 550,000 contracts.

Brent Crude Oil Market Participants

The market participation in the Brent market is diverse and includes many of the same commercial entities that are active in the New York Harbor cash market. The Brent cash and OTC markets consist of at least 30 to 40 commercial companies, including the following:

Refiners Traders/End Users **Brokers** Financial (Swaps) GFI Starsupply ConocoPhillips Hess Energy Trading Citibank Valero Deutsche Bank Vitol **PVM** Shell Glencore Man Financial Barclays ExxonMobil Arcadia **ICAP BankAmerica** BP Northville Aspen Oil AIG Total Cargill Prebon Merrill Lynch OMV Morgan Stanley **TFS** Repsol Goldman Sachs Amerex Chevron Koch Mabanaft Marathon Sunoco Phibro **AGIP** Arcadia Mercuria Sempra Trafigura **RWE Trading**

Proposed Speculative Limits for Dated Brent (Platts) Daily Contract

The Exchange has set the spot month limit for the Dated Brent (Platts) Daily Swap Futures contract at 1,000 contracts, or one million barrels, which is less than 3% of the monthly deliverable supply of Brent (BFOE) crude oil in the European market.

European Gasoline Market

The Exchange intends to list four European premium unleaded and Euro-bob gasoline swap futures contracts and four associated balance-of-month (BALMO) contracts for the Northwest Europe (NWE) and Rotterdam areas. Please note that the most liquid gasoline OTC swap instrument utilizes the premium unleaded gasoline grade, with 10 parts per million (ppm) sulfur content, in the Northwest Europe and Rotterdam regions. However, the premium unleaded gasoline grade is being phased out of the European market at the end of 2009, and will be replaced in January 2010 by the Euro-bob gasoline grade, which is an ethanol-blended grade of gasoline similar to RBOB in the U.S. The gasoline OTC swap market has already begun to trade the Euro-bob gasoline swaps for hedging beginning in January 2010.

The gasoline market in Northwest Europe, specifically Amsterdam-Rotterdam-Antwerp (ARA) represents the largest hub in Europe for petroleum products, with extensive storage and refining capacity. The ARA market is a vibrant import and supply center for gasoline, with approximately 800,000 to one million barrels per day of gasoline supplied by refineries in The Netherlands, Northern Germany, and Northern France. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) link below provides production data for the ARA market in Table 3.2. Further, the imports for The Netherlands are around 200,000 barrels per day, as shown in the EIA data in Table 3.3 (see link below). Therefore, the total supply of gasoline in the ARA market is more than one million barrels per day.

http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/international/iea2005/table32.xls http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/international/iea2005/table33.xls

According to the EIA in Table 3.5 (see link below), the gasoline demand for the ARA market (Netherlands, Northern Germany, and Northern France) is approximately 800,000 barrels per day. http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/international/iea2005/table35.xls

The Northwest European gasoline market is priced in units of dollars per metric ton. The conversion factor is 8.3 barrels per metric ton. The estimated trading volume of gasoline (converted to barrel equivalents) in the ARA cash market is approximately 600,000 to 700,000 barrels per day. The typical transaction size is around 35,000 to 40,000 barrels. The volume of spot transactions is typically more than half of all cash transactions. There is active trading in forward cash deals and in the OTC swaps market. The bid/ask spreads are typically in increments of 50 cents per metric ton (or around 0.10 cents per gallon equivalent), which reflects robust liquidity in the cash market.

In the Northwest Europe OTC swaps market, premium unleaded gasoline is a liquid swap instrument, with trading volume of approximately 1.5 million to two million barrels per day. The Euro-bob gasoline is replacing the premium unleaded gasoline as the main grade of gasoline in the OTC swaps market. The typical OTC transaction size is 70,000 to 100,000 barrels, with 20 to 30 transactions traded daily in the OTC swaps market. The bid/ask spreads are typically in increments of 50 cents per metric ton (or equivalent to 7 to 10 cents per barrel) which reflects robust liquidity in the OTC market.

European Gasoline Market Participants

The market participation in the European gasoline market is diverse and includes many of the same commercial entities that are active in the New York Harbor cash market. The European cash market and OTC market is comprised of at least 30 to 40 commercial companies, including the following:

Refiners ConocoPhillips AGIP Shell ExxonMobil BP Total ENI Refining Repsol CEPSA Netherlands Refining OMV Refining PetroPlus	Traders/End Users Sempra Vitol Glencore Trafigura Mercuria Cargill Morgan Stanley Goldman Sachs Koch Mabanaft Phibro Arcadia	Brokers GFI Starsupply PVM Man Financial ICAP Aspen Oil GFI Spectron TFS Amerex Prebon	Financial (Swaps) Citibank Deutsche Bank Barclays BankAmerica AIG Merrill Lynch
PetroPlus	Arcadia Koch Petroleum		

Proposed Speculative Limits for Gasoline Contracts

The proposed spot month limits for the two new EuroBob Gasoline 10 ppm (Platts) and the Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy (Argus) swap futures contracts are 500 contracts, or 500,000 metric tons, equivalent to approximately four million barrels, which is less than 15% of the monthly deliverable supply of gasoline in the Northwest Europe (NWE) market. In the Northwest Europe (NWE) gasoline market, the total monthly deliverable supply is approximately 30 million barrels of gasoline.

The proposed spot month limit for the new Premium Unleaded Gasoline 10 ppm (Platts) contract is 100 contracts, or 100,000 metric tons, equivalent to 830,000 barrels, which is less than 5% of the monthly deliverable supply of gasoline in Northwest Europe. Please note that, as stated earlier in this Supplemental Information section, this grade of gasoline is being phased out at the end of 2009.

The proposed spot month limit for the new Gasoline Euro-bob Oxy (Argus) crack spread contract will be set at 500 contracts, or 500,000 barrels, which is less than 3% of the monthly deliverable supply of gasoline in Northwest Europe.

Further, the new balance-of-month (BALMO) contracts for each of the contracts allow for partial-month average prices for the corresponding calendar-month swaps futures contracts. The Exchange will set the position limits at the same level as those of the underlying calendar month swap contract, and the limits will be aggregated.