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**VIA E-MAIL**

Ms. Melissa Jurgens  
Office of the Secretariat  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Centre  
1155 21st Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20581

**Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding the Delisting Certain Contract Months for trading for Five (5) Crude Oil Futures and Options Contracts NYMEX Submission No. 13-562**

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it is self-certifying the delisting contract months for trading from the March 2016 contract month onwards for five (5) crude oil futures and options contract effective immediately, as set out in the table below:

<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Clearing Code</b>	<b>NYMEX Rule Chapter</b>
Brent 25-day (Platts) Financial Futures	BDC	1175
Brent 25-day Option	BDO	1176
Brent 25-day European Option	BDE	1177
Brent 25-day Average Price Option	BDA	1178
NYMEX Brent 25-day Futures	NBZ	1186

These contracts months will be delisted from CME Globex, the NYMEX trading floor and CME ClearPort, the venues on which they are currently listed. There is no open interest in these contracts.

Exchange business staff responsible for the delisting of the contracts and the Exchange Legal Department collectively reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or "Act"). During the review, Exchange staff identified that the delisting of the contracts may have some bearing on the following Core Principles:

- Emergency Authority: There is no open interest in these contract months, and therefore there will be no market disruption related to their delisting.
- Availability of General Information: The Exchange will make publicly available the details of the delisting contract months by publishing a notice to the marketplace.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the delisting of these contracts complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200 or [Christopher.Bowen@cmegroup.com](mailto:Christopher.Bowen@cmegroup.com).

Sincerely,

/s/Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel