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**EXCHANGE ANNOUNCES THE TRANSITION OF THE NYMEX miNYsm
FUTURES CONTRACTS TO NYMEX CLEARPORTsm**

New York, N.Y., October 17, 2005 -- The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc., will transition its NYMEX miNYsm crude oil and natural gas futures contracts to NYMEX ClearPortsm from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange CME[®] Globex[®] electronic trading system on Sunday, November 20, for trade date November 21.

The NYMEX miNYsm crude oil and natural gas futures contracts will cease trading on the CME[®] Globex[®] platform at 2:30 PM on November 18, and will commence trading on the NYMEX ClearPortsm trading platform on November 20 at 7:00 PM New York time. This will affect the December NYMEX miNYsm natural gas futures contract and the January NYMEX miNYsm crude oil and natural gas futures contracts.

Exchange President James E. Newsome said, "We are pleased to consolidate the NYMEX miNYsm contracts on to the NYMEX ClearPortsm trading platform, offering our customers the ability to manage their market risk from a single electronic venue."

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