ICE APPLAUDS CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE OF FARM BILL

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ATLANTA, May 16/PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- IntercontinentalExchange, Inc. (NYSE: ICE), a leading operator of global exchanges and over-the-counter (OTC) markets, issued the following statement regarding Congressional passage of the Farm Bill:

ICE applauds Congressional passage of the Farm Bill, including the important provision relating to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Reauthorization Act of 2008. ICE has supported the development of legislation designed to effectively recognize and address the complexities of OTC markets. The Farm Bill, passed by both houses of Congress earlier this week, places an appropriate level of regulation on contracts that serve a significant price discovery function and will further enhance market transparency. Since October of 2006, ICE has worked closely with the CFTC in reporting OTC market information, including the provision of daily large trader reports for its key natural gas contracts.

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