ICE FUTURES CONFIRMS FRIDAY LAUNCH OF ELECTRONICALLY-TRADED WTI CRUDE FUTURES CONTRACT

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ATLANTA, Jan. 31/PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- IntercontinentalExchange (NYSE: ICE), the leadingelectronic energy marketplace, today confirmed plans for its regulated futuressubsidiary, ICE Futures, to launch its West Texas Intermediate (WTI) Crudefutures contract on Friday, February 3, 2006.

ICE Futures received a letter datedJanuary 31, 2006 from the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC),which will allow ICE Futures' WTI crude futures contract to be offered ontrading screens located within the United States. London-based ICE Futures,which is under the regulatory jurisdiction of the U.K. Financial ServicesAuthority (FSA), is afforded authorization to offer its regulated contracts ontrading screens in the U.S. through a no-action letter issued by the CFTC. TheFSA confirmed that it had no objection to the listing of the contract in aletter dated January 26, 2006.

"We are pleased to be able tooffer this global crude oil contract alongside our existing suite of energyfutures and options to market participants in 37 jurisdictions around theworld, including the U.S.," said David Peniket, President of ICE Futures."With the transparency and access our electronically traded Brent crudefutures contract has provided, we believe that the addition of electronicallytraded WTI futures is a key real-time risk management tool." Addressingthe Commission's desire to evaluate the continued use of the no-action process,Peniket added, "We look forward to working with the Commission to addressany new issues raised by cross-border electronic exchange offerings."

"We believe that our electronicmarkets provide superior market surveillance and reporting tools that have beenrecognized by regulators globally. We have enjoyed a close and collaborativerelationship with both the CFTC and the FSA since our inception," saidJeffrey C. Sprecher, ICE's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Asalways, we look forward to continuing to engage in the regulatory and policydialog resulting from being positioned at the forefront of the development ofglobal electronic markets."

About IntercontinentalExchange

IntercontinentalExchange®(NYSE: ICE) operates the leading electronic global futures and OTC marketplacefor trading energy commodity contracts, including crude oil and refinedproducts, natural gas, power and emissions. ICE conducts its markets forfutures trading through its regulated subsidiary, ICE Futures (formerly theInternational Petroleum Exchange, or IPE), Europe's leading energy futures andoptions exchange. ICE also offers a range of risk management and tradingsupport services, including cleared OTC contracts, electronic tradeconfirmations and energy market data. ICE's common stock began trading on theNew York Stock Exchange on November 16, 2005. ICE is based in Atlanta, Georgiawith offices in Calgary, Chicago, Houston, London, New York and Singapore. Formore information, please visit www.theice.com.

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