ICE FUTURES LAUNCHES ELECTRONICALLY-TRADED WTI CRUDE FUTURES CONTRACT 1:00 AM IN U.K., 8:00 PM ET

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ATLANTA, Feb. 2/PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- IntercontinentalExchange (NYSE: ICE), the leadingelectronic energy marketplace, said that its new ICE West Texas Intermediate(WTI) Crude futures contract will launch tonight at 1:00 AM in London (8:00 PMU.S. Eastern Time). After completing all regulatory reviews required to launchthe contract, the new electronically- traded contract will be offeredcontinuously for 21 hours a day, five days a week, in the 37 jurisdictionsaround the world where ICE Futures screens have been approved, including theU.S. and the U.K.

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