ICE REPORTS DECEMBER INCREASE OF 79.7% IN OTC COMMISSIONS AND 43.5% IN FUTURES VOLUME, 2005 RECORD YEAR IN FUTURES AND CLEARED OTC VOLUME

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December and Full-year Trading Activity

In the OTC business segment, average daily commissions reflectdaily trading activity in ICE's OTC markets. In December 2005, ICE's averagedaily commissions rose to $309,926, an increase of 79.7% compared to averagedaily commissions in December 2004. For the year, ICE's OTC average dailycommissions were $311,579, an increase of 79.6% compared to 2004, primarily dueto strong growth in ICE's cleared OTC volume and the addition of newparticipants in the company's OTC marketplace. ICE's cleared OTC contracts,which include natural gas, power, and crude oil, set a new annual volume recordof 47.9 million cleared contracts, exceeding the prior year's record of 18.1 millioncontracts by 164.4%.

OTC Segment: Average Daily Commissions

	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	% Change	FY 2005	FY 2004	% Change
ICE OTC Average Daily Commissions	$309,926	$172,425	79.7	$311,579	$173,506	79.6

At ICE Futures, the company's futures business segment, averagedaily volume (ADV) in December 2005 increased 43.5% to 172,826 contractscompared to 120,476 contracts in December 2004. Total monthly futures volumerose 43.4% to 3,627,532 in December 2005 compared to monthly volume of2,530,015 in December 2004.

Total volume in the IPE Gas Oil futures contract grew 52.7% inDecember 2005 compared to December 2004. In addition, traded volume in thebenchmark IPE Brent Crude futures contract increased 40.9% in December 2005compared to December 2004.

At December 31, 2005, total open interest in ICE Futurescontracts stood at 648,585 contracts, with open interest in the IPE Brent Crudefutures contract at 390,615. This compares to total open interest of 515,787and IPE Brent Crude futures open interest of 319,479 at December 31, 2004.

Futures Segment: December Volume Statistics

Contract	ADV Dec. 2005	ADV Dec. 2004	ADV % Change	Total Volume Dec. 2005	Total Volume Dec. 2004	Volume % Change

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Total ICE						
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The IPE Brent Crude futures contract set an annual volume recordof 30.4 million contracts, surpassing the previous annual record of 25.5million contracts set in 2004 by 19.5%. In addition, the IPE Gas Oil futurescontract set an annual volume record of 11.0 million contracts, exceeding lastyear's record volume of 9.4 million contracts by 17.3%.

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