ICE ANNOUNCES RECORD QUARTER FOR ICE FUTURES, NYBOT VOLUME AND ICE OTC COMMISSIONS

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ATLANTA, April 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- IntercontinentalExchange (NYSE: ICE), the leading electronic energy marketplace and soft commodity exchange, today reported continued strong growth during March 2007 with increases in excess of 70% in its energy business segments compared to March 2006. Average daily volume (ADV) for ICE Futures, ICE's U.K.-based regulated futures subsidiary, was 522,455 contracts, an increase of 76.8% over ADV in March 2006. The New York Board of Trade (NYBOT), ICE's wholly-owned U.S.-based regulated futures subsidiary, recorded an ADV of 198,736 contracts, an increase of 22.6% over March 2006. Electronic trading accounted for 59.3% of the total NYBOT soft commodities futures contracts, compared to 32.4% in February 2007. Average daily commissions in ICE's over-the-counter (OTC) business segment for the month rose 73.8% to $591,785 compared to $340,504 in March 2006.

For the first quarter of 2007, ICE Futures ADV increased 89.2% to a record 530,825 contracts compared to 280,606 in the first quarter of 2006. NYBOT established a new ADV record for the quarter with 209,759 contracts, a 10.4% increase compared to the prior first quarter. Average daily commissions in ICE's OTC business increased 98.3% to a record $754,499, compared to $380,548 in the first quarter of 2006.

"As we build on ICE's track record as the fastest growing exchange business in the sector, we are successfully managing unparalleled growth across our global futures and OTC businesses while pursuing strategic opportunities in addition to those recently announced, such as our alliance with NGX, the integration of NYBOT, our proposal to merge with the CBOT, as well as further enhancements to our wholly-owned clearinghouse and our industry-leading technology platform," said ICE Chairman and CEO Jeffrey C. Sprecher.

Clearing Update

ICE is completing a $1.2 million investment to expand and support its Trade Registration System, or TRS. TRS is a leading clearing interface relied upon by European clearing firms for post-trade administration. The investment will support the implementation of new IT hardware by AEMS, the developer of the clearing software interface for ICE's European customers. In addition, ICE has begun the upgrade and expansion of its U.S. post trade administration system known as Post Trade Management System, or PTMS. These hardware and software investments will allow for improved global connectivity to the New York Clearing Corp., NYBOT's wholly-owned clearinghouse, using scalable systems that have been widely adopted by the global futures clearing community.

ICE Futures Volume and RPC

Total monthly volume at ICE Futures in March 2007 rose 69.1% to 11,494,013 contracts, compared to 6,797,173 contracts in March 2006. ADV for the month also rose 76.8% to 522,455 contracts compared to ADV of 295,529 contracts in March 2006. In March, ICE Brent Crude futures and ICE WTI Crude futures individually recorded their second best volume months in the exchange's history.

Average daily volume for ICE Futures in the first quarter of 2007 rose 89.2% to 530,825 compared to the first quarter of 2006, marking the exchange's highest volume quarter to date. During the month of March 2007, ICE Futures established several open interest records, including exchange-wide and in ICE Brent Crude and ICE WTI Crude.

In March 2007, the ICE Futures rate per contract (RPC) averaged $1.31. RPC is calculated by dividing transaction revenues by trading volume, and can vary depending upon customer and product mix. RPC in the first quarter of 2007 was $1.29. In February 2007, ICE Futures' RPC was $1.28.

At March 30, open interest for ICE Futures stood at 1,748,737 contracts, compared to 1,416,470 contracts at December 31, 2006.

ICE Futures Segment: March Volume Statistics

Contract	Total Volume Mar 2007	Total Volume Mar 2006	Volume % Change	ADV Mar 2007	ADV Mar 2006	ADV % Change
ICE Brent Crude futures	5,180,267	3,738,287	38.6	235,467	162,534	44.9
ICE WTI Crude futures	4,207,900	1,562,748	169.3	191,268	67,946	181.5
ICE Gas Oil						

futures	1,887,895	1,428,191	32.2	85,813	62,095	38.2
Other contracts*	217,951	67,947	220.8	9,907	2,954	235.4
Total ICE Futures contract volume	11,494,013	6,797,173	69.1	522,455	295,529	76.8

*"Other contracts" include ICE Heating Oil futures, ICE Unleaded Gasoline Blendstock (RBOB) futures, ICE UK Natural Gas futures, ICE-ECX CFI futures, ICE UK Electricity futures, ICE Coal futures, ICE Brent options and ICE Gas Oil options. The ICE-ECX CFI futures contract is the result of a cooperative relationship between ICE Futures and the Chicago Climate Exchange, Inc. and its subsidiary, the European Climate Exchange. ICE Futures shares in the revenue derived from the ECX CFI Futures contract.

NYBOT Volume and RPC

In March 2007, total futures and options volume at NYBOT reached 4,372,193 contracts, an increase of 17.3% over March 2006. In March 2007, electronic ADV in soft commodity futures was 74,598 contracts, and total ADV was 198,736. ADV for soft commodity futures was 125,797 contracts, with 59.3% of soft commodity futures contracts traded electronically for the month. Also during March, NYBOT set open interest records in Cocoa, Coffee and Cotton futures, as well as in total soft commodity futures and in total futures.

On February 2, NYBOT introduced electronic trading in its core soft commodities for the first time in its history, offering its electronic markets on the ICE platform. For the quarter, NYBOT ADV rose 10.4% to a record 209,759 contracts compared to the first quarter of 2006. NYBOT volume in the first quarter of 2007 totaled 12,849,290 contracts, compared to 11,816,165 in the first quarter of the prior year, which had one additional trading day.

In February 2007, NYBOT reported an aggregate rate per contract (RPC) for NYBOT soft commodity futures of $1.63, compared to $1.53 in January 2007 and $1.56 in the fourth quarter of 2006. RPC for NYBOT will be reported one month in arrears.

ICE plans to provide information regarding the integration of NYBOT, updated synergy and clearing details on its first quarter earnings call, scheduled for May 2.

NYBOT Segment: March Volume by Product

Contract	Total Volume Mar 2007	Total Volume Mar 2006	Volume % Change	ADV Mar 2007	ADV Mar 2006	ADV % Change	ADV % Electronic
Cocoa futures	273,605	201,604	35.7	12,437	8,765	41.9	61.6
Sugar futures	1,670,782	1,104,550	51.3	75,945	48,024	58.1	67.4
Sugar options	498,635	523,270	-4.7	22,665	22,751	-0.4	n/a
Cotton No. 2 futures	375,964	375,624	0.1	17,089	16,332	4.6	28.5
Coffee "C" futures	383,506	326,256	17.5	17,432	14,185	22.9	58.8
Coffee "C" options	265,298	216,476	22.6	12,059	9,412	28.1	n/a
Frozen Conc. Orange Juice (FCOJ) futures	63,437	82,333	-23.0	2,883	3,580	-19.4	21.1
FCOJ options	40,389	32,280	25.1	1,836	1,403	30.9	n/a
Cross Currency futures	273,622	277,727	-1.5	12,437	12,075	3.0	n/a
US Dollar Index futures	109,726	172,408	-36.4	4,988	7,496	-33.5	n/a
Other							

contracts*	417,229	415,119	0.5	18,965	18,049	5.1	n/a
Total NYBOT futures & options**	4,372,193	3,727,647	17.3	198,736	162,072	22.6	59.3

* "Other contracts" include NYBOT's additional markets for food, fiber, foreign exchange and index products.
** ADV % Electronic calculation excludes products that were not available for electronic trading.

OTC Business Segment

In ICE's OTC business segment, average daily commissions reflect daily trading activity in the OTC markets. In March 2007, ICE's average daily commissions increased 73.8% to $591,785, from $340,504 in March 2006. Average daily commissions in March 2007 were impacted by the shoulder month with muted demand in natural gas and lower volatility. For the first quarter of 2007, average daily commission for ICE's OTC segment increased 98.3% over the prior first quarter to a quarterly record of $754,499.

OTC Segment: March Average Daily Commissions

	Mar 2007	Mar 2006	% Change
ICE OTC Average Daily Commissions	$591,875	$340,504	73.8

Additional March 2007 Highlights and Notes:

-- ICE Futures announced WTI Options will be launched on April 20.
-- ICE Futures had an approximate 48% market share in global crude futures by contract volume during the month of March. In addition, the exchange recorded an all-time high in share of crude futures open interest, reaching approximately 48%.
-- On March 29, ICE Futures established a new daily volume record in its benchmark ICE Brent Crude futures contract of 384,281 contracts, surpassing by 11.3% the previous record established on January 11, 2007.
-- ICE Futures UK Natural Gas contract set monthly volume and open interest records in March. Monthly volume records were also established in the ICE Richards Bay and Rotterdam Coal futures contracts. ICE Futures' emissions product, the ECX CFI contract, traded a record 71,879 contracts in March exceeding the previous record set in November 2006 by 10.0%.
-- On March 2, NYBOT established an electronic trading record in its agricultural futures products of 98,249 contracts. Yesterday, April 2, was the second highest electronic volume day with 97,893 contracts traded.
-- ICE Futures was designated by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a "qualified board or exchange," thereby providing "60/40 tax treatment" to U.S. participants trading in ICE Futures markets. Beginning April 1, contracts offered by ICE Futures afford U.S. market participants with the same tax treatment available on U.S. futures exchanges' contracts.
-- Construction of the ICE World Financial Center Electronic Trading Facility in New York continued through March. The 10,000 square-foot center will open this month and will house trading stations equipped with the latest electronic trading technology.
-- On March 28, ICE and TSX Group Inc. announced the formation of a technology and clearing alliance for the North American natural gas and Canadian power markets, bringing together the respective strengths of ICE and TSX subsidiary Natural Gas Exchange Inc. (NGX), Canada's leading energy exchange and North America's leading physical clearing and settlement facility. Under the arrangement, the cleared and bilateral markets for North American physical natural gas and Canadian electricity operated by NGX and ICE will be offered together on the ICE electronic trading platform, and NGX will serve as the settlement and clearing facility for these physical OTC products.
-- On March 15, ICE announced its proposal to merge with the Chicago Board of Trade (NYSE: BOT). More information is available at **www.theicecbot.com**.
-- ICE announced plans to introduce NYBOT financial futures electronically

in April 2007 and offered a test environment for the products beginning on March 16. Electronically traded contracts will be offered in NYBOT's foreign exchange and index futures.

-- In March, ICE was named to the annual "Wired 40" list of most innovative companies in the world.

Historical futures volume and OTC commission data can be found at: **www.theice.com/marketdata/recordsAndVolumes/volumes2007.jsp**

Volume and open interest information on NYBOT can be found at: **https://www.theice.com/nybot_volumes.jhtml**

About IntercontinentalExchange

IntercontinentalExchange(R) (NYSE: ICE) operates the leading global, electronic marketplace for trading both futures and OTC energy contracts and the leading soft commodity exchange. ICE's markets offer access to a range of contracts based on crude oil and refined products, natural gas, power and emissions, as well as agricultural commodities including cocoa, coffee, cotton, ethanol, orange juice, wood pulp and sugar, in addition to currency and index futures and options. ICE(R) conducts its energy futures markets through its U.K. regulated London-based subsidiary, ICE Futures, Europe's leading energy exchange. ICE Futures offers liquid markets in the world's leading oil benchmarks, Brent Crude futures and West Texas Intermediate (WTI) Crude futures, trading nearly half of the world's global crude futures by volume of commodity traded. ICE conducts its agricultural commodity futures and options markets through its U.S. regulated subsidiary, the New York Board of Trade(R). For more than a century, the NYBOT(R) has provided global markets for food, fiber and financial products. ICE was added to the Russell 1000(R) Index on June 30, 2006. Headquartered in Atlanta, ICE also has offices in Calgary, Chicago, Houston, London, New York and Singapore. For more information, please visit **www.theice.com** and **www.nybot.com**.

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