ICE FUTURES EXTENDS CONTRACT MONTHS FOR WTI CRUDE AND BRENT CRUDE FUTURES CONTRACTS TO SIX YEARS

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ATLANTA, Feb. 22/PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- IntercontinentalExchange (NYSE: ICE), the leadingelectronic energy marketplace, announced today that effective this Friday,February 24, trading in ICE Futures' WTI and Brent Crude futures contracts willbe extended to offer six years of contract months to meet the demand foradditional contract months.

The extension will provide for trading in 71 contract months,beginning with April 2006 and ending in December 2012, for both the ICE WestTexas Intermediate Light Sweet Crude Oil futures contract and the IPE BrentCrude Oil futures contract. ICE Futures will add contracts for all months in2009 through 2011, as well as long-dated June and December contracts for 2012.An additional 12 months of crude futures contracts will be available annuallyfollowing the termination of the nearby December contract.

ICE Futures launched the new ICE WTI Crude futures contract onFebruary 3, with first-day volume representing the strongest start for any newcontract in the exchange's history. In its first 10 days of trading, thecontract averaged more than 40,000 contracts per day.

ICE Futures also announced that it will convert the transactionfees charged on its Brent Crude and Gas Oil futures and options contracts toU.S. dollar-based transaction fees from British pound-denominated fees. As aresult, the rates will convert from 35 pence per side to $0.70 per side forscreen-based transactions beginning on April 1, 2006. The change in basecurrency will align the futures transaction fee currency with the underlying denominationof the contracts.

Each of these contracts trades electronically 21 hours a day,five days a week in the 37 jurisdictions globally where ICE Futures screenshave been approved, including the U.S., the U.K., and throughout continentalEurope and Asia. The contracts trade continuously from 1:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.local London time, or from 8:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

About IntercontinentalExchange

IntercontinentalExchange® (NYSE: ICE) operates theleading electronic global futures and OTC marketplace for trading energycommodity contracts, including crude oil and refined products, natural gas,power and emissions. ICE conducts its markets for futures trading through itsregulated subsidiary, ICE Futures (formerly the International PetroleumExchange, or IPE), Europe's leading energy futures and options exchange. ICEalso offers a range of risk management and trading support services, includingcleared OTC contracts, electronic trade confirmations and energy market data.ICE's common stock began trading on the New York Stock Exchange on November 16,2005. ICE is based in Atlanta, Georgia with offices in Calgary, Chicago,Houston, London, New York and Singapore. For more information, please visitwww.theice.com.

Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities LitigationReform Act of 1995 Statements in this press release regardingIntercontinentalExchange's business that are not historical facts are"forward-looking statements" that involve risks and uncertainties,including, but not limited to, the benefits associated with extending thecontract months and the revised fee structure. For a discussion of such risksand uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ from thosecontained in the forward-looking statements, see "Risk Factors" in theCompany's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Reg. No. 333-123500), as amended,as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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