TRADING IN ICE WTI CRUDE FUTURES HITS THREE MAJOR MILESTONES: MORE THAN ONE MILLION CONTRACTS TRADED SINCE LAUNCH, OPEN INTEREST EXCEEDS 100,000 FOR FIRST TIME ON RECORD DAILY VOLUME

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ICE Futures Posts New Exchange-wideand Gas Oil Futures Records

ATLANTA, March 9/PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- IntercontinentalExchange (NYSE: ICE), the leadingelectronic energy marketplace, announced three major milestones reached in thenew ICE West Texas Intermediate (WTI) Crude futures contract launched February3 at ICE Futures. As of March 8, total trading volume since launch exceeded theone million contract mark, as open interest exceeded 100,000 for the firsttime. The contract also achieved two consecutive days of record volume on March7 and 8 of over 70,000 contracts.

Also on Wednesday, ICE Futuresreached a new exchange-wide daily record of 385,505 contracts, 5.9% above theprevious daily record of 364,064 contracts on February 7, 2006. In addition,the IPE Gas Oil futures traded at ICE Futures posted a new daily record of98,474 contracts, exceeding the previous daily record of 94,646 contractstraded on January 11, 2006.

ICE WTI Crude futures set twoconsecutive volume records, with 70,500 contracts traded on March 7 and 71,174contracts traded on March 8, compared to the previous record established onFebruary 15 of 61,601 contracts. As of the close of trading yesterday, openinterest in the contract reached 102,196 contracts. Total volume in ICE WTICrude futures from February 3 through March 8 stands at 1,111,794 contracts.

The ICE WTI Crude futures contracttrades electronically 21 hours a day, five days a week in the 37 jurisdictionsglobally where ICE Futures screens have been approved, including the U.S., theU.K., and throughout continental Europe and Asia. The ICE WTI Crude futurescontract trades continuously from 1:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. local London time, orfrom 8:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Each crude futures contract is sizedat 1,000 barrels, with the contract price quoted in U.S. dollars and cents perbarrel. The minimum price fluctuation is one cent per barrel, equivalent to atick value of $10.00. A fee waiver on execution is in place for the ICE WTICrude futures contract from launch through March 31, 2006. Thereafter, acontract execution fee of $0.70 per side will be in effect.

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