ICE FUTURES RECEIVES GO AHEAD ON WTI CRUDE FUTURES FROM REGULATOR

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ATLANTA, Jan. 27/PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- IntercontinentalExchange (NYSE: ICE), the leadingelectronic energy marketplace, today announced that its regulated futuressubsidiary, ICE Futures, would proceed to list to the proposed West TexasIntermediate (WTI) Crude futures contract on February 3. In a letter datedJanuary 26, 2006, ICE Futures' regulator, the Financial Services Authority(FSA), confirmed that it had no objections to the ICE WTI Crude futurescontract being listed in ICE Futures' markets.

"ICE Futures hasa solid history of developing new futures products in its regulated markets toserve the hedging needs of energy market participants. To date, ICE Futures hasreceived regulatory approval to offer its products in 37 jurisdictions aroundthe world, including the United States," said Sir Bob Reid, ICE Futures'Chairman. "We are pleased to bring this product to market in response tothe demand from our trading community."

"We are pleasedto work together with the FSA to ensure the contract is properly offered andregulated," said Jeffrey C. Sprecher, ICE's Chairman and Chief ExecutiveOfficer. "As the leading electronic energy marketplace, the global energycommunity looks to ICE to provide transparent markets and innovative products toprovide accessible price discovery and hedging tools."

AboutIntercontinentalExchange

IntercontinentalExchange®(NYSE: ICE) operates the leading electronic global futures and OTC marketplacefor trading energy commodity contracts, including crude oil and refinedproducts, natural gas, power and emissions. ICE conducts its markets forfutures trading through its regulated subsidiary, ICE Futures (formerly theInternational Petroleum Exchange, or IPE), which is based in the United Kingdomand is Europe's leading energy futures and options exchange. ICE also offers arange of risk management and trading support services, including cleared OTCcontracts, electronic trade confirmations and energy market data. ICE's commonstock began trading on the New York Stock Exchange on November 16, 2005. ICE isbased in Atlanta, Georgia with offices in Calgary, Chicago, Houston, London,New York and Singapore. For more information, please visit www.theice.com.

Safe Harbor Statementunder the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 Statements in thispress release regarding IntercontinentalExchange's business that are nothistorical facts are "forward-looking statements" that involve risksand uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the timing of and benefitsassociated with the launch of the ICE WTI futures contract. For a discussion ofsuch risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ fromthose contained in the forward-looking statements, see "Risk Factors"in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Reg. No. 333- 123500), asamended, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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