ICE CLEAR U.S. RECEIVES RECOGNIZED OVERSEAS CLEARING HOUSE STATUS FROM FSA

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ATLANTA, March 26/PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- IntercontinentalExchange (NYSE: ICE), a leading operator of global derivatives exchanges and over-the- counter markets, today announced that the United Kingdom'sFinancial Services Authority (FSA) has made a recognition order designating ICE Clear U.S.(TM) as a Recognized Overseas Clearing House (ROCH). This recognition was made under Section 292 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 following approval from HM Treasury. ICE Clear U.S. is the clearinghouse for ICE Futures U.S.(TM), providing clearing services and financial stability for its clearing members. Products traded at ICE Futures U.S. include agricultural, foreign exchange and equity index futures and options contracts.

Recognition will primarily enable ICE Clear U.S. to increase its physical presence and marketing efforts in the UK. The ROCH status affords ICE Clear U.S. equivalent insolvency protections to those afforded to a UK clearinghouse, and thereby supports the acceptance of UK firms as clearing members.

ICE Clear U.S., which is a derivatives clearing organization regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) in the United States, submitted an application for recognition as an ROCH in June 2007. The application was reviewed by the FSA to ensure, among other things, that: (1) investors and clearing members located in the UK are afforded protections equivalent to those applicable when they clear transactions with a UK clearing house; (2) the applicant is willing to cooperate by sharing information with UK regulators; and (3) adequate arrangements exist for information sharing between the CFTC and FSA. In addition, the application by ICE Clear U.S. was found by the UK's Office of Fair Trading (OFT) not to have any significant adverse effect on competition.

About IntercontinentalExchange

IntercontinentalExchange(R) (NYSE: ICE) is a leading operator of global exchanges and over-the-counter (OTC) markets. ICE offers futures and OTC markets on a single trading platform, including markets for crude oil and refined products, natural gas, power and emissions, as well as agricultural commodities and financial products such as canola, cocoa, coffee, cotton, ethanol, orange juice, wood pulp, sugar, foreign currency and equity index futures and options. ICE(R) conducts its energy futures markets, including the leading oil benchmark contracts, through its London-based exchange, ICE Futures Europe(TM). ICE conducts its global agricultural commodity, foreign exchange and equity index futures markets through its U.S. and Canadian exchanges, ICE Futures U.S.(TM) and ICE Futures Canada(TM), and offers clearing services through ICE Clear U.S.(TM) and ICE Clear Canada(TM). ICE's state-of-the-art electronic trading platform serves market participants in more than 55 countries. ICE is included in the Russell 1000(R) Index and the S&P 500 Index. Headquartered in Atlanta, ICE has offices in Calgary, Chicago, Houston, London, New York, Singapore and Winnipeg. For more information, please visit **www.theice.com** .

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