ICE FUTURES RECORDS STRONG START FOR ICE WTI CRUDE FUTURES CONTRACT

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ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 6/PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- IntercontinentalExchange (NYSE: ICE), the leadingelectronic energy marketplace, announced that activity in ICE Futures' new ICEWest Texas Intermediate (WTI) Crude futures contract Friday represented the strongestfirst-day trading volume for the launch day of any new contract in theexchange's history.

Market participants on Friday,February 3, traded 38,633 ICE WTI Crude futures contracts on ICE Futures, theregulated futures subsidiary based in London. Open interest at the close ofbusiness on February 3 stood at 27,500 contracts.

"The successful launch of theICE WTI Crude futures contract is a clear indication of why we are so intent onboth listening and responding to energy market participants," said DavidPeniket, President of ICE Futures. "A broad range of customers encouragedICE Futures to introduce this electronic contract following the successfultransition of Brent to screen-based trading. Traders can now enjoy theexecution and capital efficiencies of having Brent and WTI crude contracts onone electronic platform and at one clearinghouse."

"It was especially gratifying tosee such deep, liquid markets in the ICE WTI contract on its first day oftrading," said David Goone, ICE's Senior Vice President of BusinessDevelopment. "We are pleased to welcome market participants who believeour electronically traded energy contracts can assist in their risk managementand trading strategies."

The addition of WTI crude futures tothe exchange's suite of energy futures and options brings the world's two mostsignificant crude oil benchmarks together on ICE's widely distributed tradingplatform.

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.

About IntercontinentalExchange

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), Europe's leading energy futures andoptions exchange. ICE also offers a range of risk management and tradingsupport services, including cleared OTC contracts, electronic tradeconfirmations and energy market data. ICE's common stock began trading on theNew York Stock Exchange on November 16, 2005. ICE is based in Atlanta, Georgiawith offices in Calgary, Chicago, Houston, London, New York and Singapore. Formore information, please visit www.theice.com.

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