

## CME Group Announces New Volume Records in Silver Futures and Silver Options Open Interest

CHICAGO, April 26, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- CME Group, the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, today announced it had reached record volume yesterday in its COMEX <u>Silver futures</u>, as well as in open interest of its <u>Silver options</u>.

Yesterday, trading of Silver futures reached 319,204 contracts, surpassing the prior record of 201,216 contracts set on November 9, 2010. At the same time, open interest in Silver options reached a new record of 240,344 contracts. The prior record of 235,992 contracts was set on April 21, 2011.

Silver futures have demonstrated rapid growth during the month of April. Month-to-date average daily volume (ADV) for Silver futures has increased 218 percent from this point last year. During 2011 year-to-date, ADV for Silver futures have grown 110 percent versus the same period last year.

These contracts are listed with, and subject to, the rules and regulations of COMEX.

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