

CME Group Announces Record Energy Trading Volumes

NEW YORK, Feb. 8, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- CME Group, the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, today announced it set a new record for trading volumes for its energy products on Tuesday, February 7. Trading volume for energy futures and options contracts totaled 3,489,302 contracts yesterday, climbing 13 percent higher than the previous record of 3,098,129 contracts on February 22, 2010. These contracts are listed by and subject to the rules of NYMEX.

"Yesterday's record was the result of strong trading volumes across our energy complex, which includes NYMEX WTI crude oil, Henry Hub Natural Gas, and our power contracts and refined products," said Gary Morsches, Managing Director, Global Energy at CME Group. "We offer the most benchmarks for the energy markets, and will continue to work with our global customers to ensure we have the right products and services that meet their risk management needs."

As the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, CME Group (www.cmegroup.com) is where the world comes to manage risk. CME Group exchanges offer the widest range of global benchmark products across all major asset classes, including futures and options based on interestrates, equity indexes, foreign exchange, energy, agricultural commodities, metals, weather and real estate. CME Group brings buyers and sellers together through its CME Globex® electronic trading platform and its trading facilities in New York and Chicago. CME Group also operates CME Clearing, one of the world's leading central counterparty clearing providers, which offers clearing and settlement services for exchange-traded contracts, as well as for over-the-counter derivatives transactions through CME ClearPort®. These products and services ensure that businesses everywhere can substantially mitigate counterparty credit risk in both listed and over-the-counter derivatives markets.

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