



## **NYMEX Energy Futures Successfully Launch on CME Globex(R) Platform**

NEW YORK and CHICAGO, June 12, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- NYMEX Holdings, Inc., the parent company of the preeminent physical futures exchange, and CME, the world's largest and most diverse financial exchange, today reported solid volume on the first day that NYMEX energy products traded on the CME Globex(R) electronic trading platform.

NYMEX energy futures reached an estimated 62,695 contracts traded today on CME Globex, with full-sized crude oil futures trading an estimated 11,000 contracts.

NYMEX standard-sized and NYMEX miNY(TM) futures contracts for crude oil, natural gas, heating oil and gasoline traded on CME Globex during open outcry trading hours as well as before and after the NYMEX trading floor was closed. Also available on CME Globex are NYMEX Europe Brent crude oil standard-sized and miNY futures contracts and the Northwest Europe gasoil futures.

CME is the exclusive electronic trading services provider for NYMEX's energy futures contracts. Access to electronic trading of NYMEX products is available virtually 24 hours a day on CME Globex, the world's leading derivatives electronic trading platform and the only electronic market place to offer every major asset class -- interest rate, stock index, foreign exchange, agricultural, and, now energy.

NYMEX Holdings, Inc. (NYMEX) is the parent company of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc., the preeminent physical futures exchange, offering futures and options trading in energy and metals contracts and clearing services for off-exchange energy transactions. Through a combination of open outcry electronic trading, a wide range of crude oil, petroleum products, natural gas, coal, electricity, gold, silver, copper, aluminum, and platinum group metals markets are available virtually 24 hours each day. More information about NYMEX is available at <http://www.nymex.com>.

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (<http://www.cme.com>) is the world's largest and most diverse financial exchange. As an international marketplace, CME brings together buyers and sellers on CME Globex electronic trading platform and on its trading floors. CME offers futures and options on futures primarily in four product areas: interest rates, stock indexes, foreign exchange and commodities. The exchange managed \$47.0 billion in collateral deposits at March 31, 2006, including \$3.8 billion in deposits for non-CME products. CME is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc. (NYSE, Nasdaq: CME), which is part of the Russell 1000(R) Index.

### **NYMEX Forward-Looking and Cautionary Statements**

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