

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GAER SAMUEL H</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>ONE NORTH END AVENUE</u> <u>WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10282</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NYMEX HOLDINGS INC [NMX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Information Officer, EVP</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/11/2007</u>	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/11/2007		M ⁽¹⁾		4,600	A	\$59	10,200	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$122.26	10,100	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$122.37	10,000	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$123.43	9,900	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$123.67	9,800	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$123.7296	9,700	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$123.81	9,600	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$124.15	9,500	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$124.46	9,400	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$124.52	9,300	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$124.57	9,200	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$124.6247	9,100	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$124.65	9,000	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		200	D	\$124.83	8,800	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$124.89	8,700	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$124.91	8,600	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$124.92	8,500	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		300	D	\$124.93	8,200	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$124.9514	8,100	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$124.9688	8,000	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$124.97	7,900	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$124.985	7,800	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		200	D	\$124.99	7,600	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Code		5. Number		6. Date		7. Expiration		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code (Instr. 8)	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$59	12/11/2007		M ⁽¹⁾			4,600	(2)	11/17/2014	Common Stock	4,600	(3)	56,600	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Transaction pursuant to previously adopted plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- The Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on November 17, 2007, subject to additional terms contained in the grant and, if applicable, other contracts.
- Not applicable.

/s/Samuel Gaer

12/13/2007

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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