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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-K**

**Current Report**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): 01/13/2006**

**NYMEX Holdings, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 333-30332**

**DE**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**13-4098266**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One North End Avenue, World Financial Center, New York , NY 10282-1101**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(212) 299-2000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On January 11, 2006, NYMEX Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") announced that its board of directors has voted to declare and distribute a special cash dividend of \$30 million to the Company's shareholders of record as of January 21, 2006. Each shareholder will be paid \$36,764.71 per share of Company common stock during the week of January 23, 2006.

A press release, issued by the Company on January 11, 2006, is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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**Signature(s)**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NYMEX Holdings, Inc.

Date: January 13, 2006

By: /s/ Richard Kerschner

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Richard Kerschner  
Senior Vice President, Corporate Governance and  
Strategic Initiatives

## Exhibit Index

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
EX-99.1	Press Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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**NYMEX HOLDINGS, INC., TO DISTRIBUTE SPECIAL DIVIDEND TO SHAREHOLDERS**

New York, N.Y., January 11, 2006 -- The board of directors of NYMEX Holdings, Inc., voted to declare and distribute a special dividend of \$30 million to stockholders of record as of January 21, 2006.

This is the ninth dividend, and second special dividend, issued by the holding company of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc., since the demutualization of the Exchange in November 2000.

Each stockholder will receive \$36,764.71 per share of NYMEX Holdings common stock during the week of January 23, 2006.

NYMEX Chairman Mitchell Steinhouse said, "This special dividend is possible due to the stellar success NYMEX enjoyed in 2005. The board of directors and I are pleased to once again provide NYMEX shareholders the opportunity to participate in our growth and success."

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**Forward Looking and Cautionary Statements**

This press release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act, with respect to our future performance, operating results, strategy, and other future events. Such statements generally include words such as could, can, anticipate, believe, expect, seek, pursue, and similar words and terms, in connection with any discussion of future results. Forward-looking statements involve a number of assumptions, risks, and uncertainties, any of which may cause actual results to differ materially from the anticipated, estimated, or projected results referenced in forward-looking statements. In particular, the forward-looking statements of NYMEX Holdings, Inc., and its subsidiaries are subject to the following risks and uncertainties: the success and timing of new futures contracts and products; changes in political, economic, or industry conditions; the unfavorable resolution of material legal proceedings; the impact and timing of technological changes and the adequacy of intellectual property protection; the impact of legislative and regulatory actions, including without limitation, actions by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and terrorist activities and international hostilities, which may affect the general economy as well as oil and other commodity markets. We assume no obligation to update or supplement our forward-looking statements.