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### **American Stock Exchange to Trade Options on Market Vectors-Gold Miners ETF**

NEW YORK, May 19 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ — The American Stock Exchange<sup>(R)</sup> (Amex<sup>(R)</sup>) will launch trading in options on Monday, May 22, 2006 on the following exchange traded fund:

Market Vectors-Gold Miners ETF (GDX):

Market Vectors-Gold Miners ETF options will open with strike prices of 34-44 (1pt increments) and position limits of 2,500,000 shares. The options will trade on the March expiration cycle. The specialist will be Kellogg Capital. The Market Vectors-Gold Miners ETF's investment objective is to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the Amex Gold Miners Index. The Index is comprised of publicly traded companies that are involved in mining for gold and silver. Van Eck Associates Corporation is the investment adviser for The Market Vectors-Gold Miners ETF.

The American Stock Exchange<sup>(R)</sup> (Amex<sup>(R)</sup>) is the only primary exchange that offers trading across a full range of equities, options and exchange traded funds (ETFs), including structured products and HOLDRSsm. In addition to its role as a national equities market, the Amex is the pioneer of the ETF, responsible for bringing the first domestic product to market in 1993. Leading the industry in ETF listings, the Amex lists 166 ETFs. The Amex is also one of the largest options exchanges in the U.S., trading options on broad-based and sector indexes as well as domestic and foreign stocks. For more information, please visit <http://www.amex.com>.

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