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### **HEMPEL PROPERTIES BREAKS GROUND ON LATEST DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: COPPER BLEU RESTAURANT IN LAKEVILLE**

**Lakeville, MN – Friday, June 24, 2005**– Copper Bleu restaurant, a 7,000 square foot contemporary bistro, recently broke ground on their new location at the intersection of Cedar Avenue and Dodd Road in Lakeville, Minnesota. Hempel Properties is developing and managing the construction on the project.

This is the first location for the new concept, which may boast the most expensive building costs for a restaurant in Minnesota. Owner, Scott Winer describes the restaurant as an eclectic design with sexy curves and an undulating roof line, “Our design team, Jordan Mozer and Associates, has created a spectacular visual experience which enhances rather than competes with our menu.”

Winer has attracted Tobie Nidetz to design the menu. Nidetz is a local personality who has consulted on the menus with local restaurants including the American Café and Gianni’s Steakhouse in Wayzata. Jim Jacobson will serve as head chef. Jacobson has worked with Winer for over eleven years.

Jon Hempel, President of Hempel Properties anticipates a November opening for the new restaurant, “ We’ve had the support from the Lakeville community on the

development of this project since its inception. The city has welcomed our development plans and provided us with a great deal of support and information.”

Dan Roberts of M&I Bank served as the lender.

Hempel will provide development services for Winer’s plans for two other locations for Copper Bleu on both the east and west sides of the Metro Area. Winer currently owns two Champps restaurants in Burnsville and Maple Grove.

Winer adds, “ Lakeville presented excellent demographics to support this sort of concept. Our research also found that the Lakeville population per capita is underserved.”

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