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First Cathode Copper Production at Lisbon Valley

DENVER, Colorado, April 18 /CNW Telbec/ - Constellation Copper Corporation (CCU: TSX) is very pleased to announce the first production of cathode copper at its 100%-owned Lisbon Valley copper mine. The initial harvest of cathodes commenced April 14, 2006, consisting of 30 electrowinning (EW) cells containing 40 stainless steel cathode blanks for a total harvest of 2,400 copper cathode sheets, weighing approximately 250,000 pounds. Another 44 cells containing 60 stainless steel cathode blanks and 5,280 copper cathode sheets will be harvested later this week. Copper production is expected ramp-up to full production capacity in the 3rd quarter of 2006, when the Company expects to be producing 1,125,000 pounds of cathode copper on a 7-day basis.

The EW facility start-up has gone very smoothly. Current efficiency is very good, with very little iron in solution to cause inefficient use of power. The solvent extraction circuit is also performing very well, delivering approximately 50 gpl (gram per liter) copper to the EW facility from a PLS grade of approximately 3 gpl copper. All mining and processing circuits are performing near or above 90% of design capacity, except for solution flow volumes, which will build up as planned over the next three months as we ramp up to full copper production.

All copper produced at Lisbon Valley is being sold to Sempra Metals and Concentrate Corp. under an off-take agreement, with pricing based on COMEX plus the prevailing producer premium for cathode, which is currently \$0.07-\$0.08/lb.

We are fortunate to be commencing cathode copper production at or near all-time high prices for copper, and look forward to achieving full production within the next three months, and capturing the current bull copper market on production of +54 million pounds of cathode copper annually.

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