UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF MINERALS EXPLORATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Mr. Lee Evans
At Last Mines
P. O. Box 1481
Prescott, Arizona

AUG 28 1961

Re: OMX-6154 (Gold)
Lee Evans
At Last Mines
Yavapai County, Arizona

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have your recent letter (received here August 23) concerning your application. As we explained in our May 17 letter, the Government can only assist in an exploration project to the extent of one-half of the approved costs. Furthermore, the Government can not advance funds but can only make reimbursement for its share of the costs, after the expenditures have been made.

You state that your program for the iron vein would consist of a thousand feet of stripping and the sinking of exploration shafts at dike intersections. The stripping would involve bulldozer rental and the shafts would inevitably require substantial expenditures in equipment rental, installations, and supplies, plus, of course, labor, power, technical services, et cetera. As you say, since the only contribution you could make to the project cost would be your labor, we cannot see how a project could be undertaken at this time. We are, therefore, returning the following material as you requested:

Your letter, received May 11, 1961, by OMX, Region III, Denver 25, Colorado (with gold sample attached).

Letter, dated August 30, 1960, from J. Stephan of Phoenix, Arizona.

Robert E. Craig & Co. analyses, as follows:
No. 1274, dated December 6, 1960
No. 1401-A, dated April 25, 1961
No. 1401-B, dated April 25, 1961
No. 1436, dated June 5, 1961
No. 1442, dated June 16, 1961

If, at any time in the future, you should feel prepared to undertake a project, you may be sure that it will be given our very best consideration. Please permit us to wish you the very best of luck in your endeavors.

WRGriswold/gla
8-28-61

Sincerely yours,

George Fumich, Jr.
Director

cc to: Director's Reading File
Region III (2) w/cy letr.

Enclosures recd. 8/23/61
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Code 500

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Re: OME-6154

(Undated - received 8/23/61)

Mr. Allen S. Dakan

Office Mineral Exploration

Dear Mr. Dakan:

In reference to your letter of July 27, 61, the information you requested in your letter of May 17, 61 left me with the impression that we did not stand any chance of getting the assistance of the Office of Mineral Exploration.

My part was to have been provided by Labor and the production from the exploration work.

We are unable to move very fast because of inferior working equipment, never the less we are staying with it. We have recovered several large gold nuggetts approx. size in our tracing work with evidence of little or no travel some of the loose dirt in the area will give up a quarter ounce of gold per Cu yard, also our iron vein will have to be stripped for a distance of one thousand feet, and exploration shafts sunk at the intersections of the Quartz dikes which cross it.

Under these circumstances if you feel we have a chance to obtain assistance, please send forms and further information you want and we will do our best to comply. Also latest assay reports are enclosed.

If no chance please return all paper work, and thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

c o p y

Lee Evans

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JUL 27 1961

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
JUL 31 1961
REGION III
DENVER, COLORADO

Re: OME-6154

Dear Mr. Evans:

Under the amended regulations of the Office of Minerals Exploration, which became effective on July 27, rutile, gold, iron, and mercury are now eligible for exploration assistance. Your application dated May 5, 1961, has been assigned Docket Number OME-6154. Kindly identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this docket number.

We urge you to submit the additional information requested in our letter of May 17, 1961, so that we may complete the processing of your application.

Sincerely yours,

Allen S. Dakan, Chief
Division of Administrative
Management

Copy to: Region III
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MAY 19 1961
REGION III
DENVER, COLORADO

MAY 17 1961

Mr. Lee Evans
P. O. Box 1481
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Re: Application 5/5/61
(Rutile, Gold, Iron, Mercury)
Lee Evans
At Last Mines
Yavapai County, Arizona

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have your application of May 5 for Government assistance in exploration work on your property. We will have to hold it pending until the order adding gold and iron to the list of eligible metals becomes effective by final publication in the Federal Register.

In the meantime, if you wish, you could get your application in better shape so that we might be able to process it if and when final action should be taken on the metals in which you are interested. Since your application is so incomplete, we shall outline the material you should provide us:

1.(a) In order to assist us in determining your financial eligibility, please apply to two banks; (1) stating the amount of the loan you need for the proposed exploration work and the purpose for which it is to be used, (2) providing each with a recent financial statement showing your assets and liabilities, and (3) requesting them to inform you upon what terms they would be willing to make the loan. Copies of your letters to the banks and their replies, together with a copy of your financial statement, should then be sent to this office.

1.(c) The application is not clear as to just how you propose to furnish your share of the exploration costs. Please explain in detail how you plan to finance your share of the costs. It may be that you propose to furnish your share of the exploration costs through personal services and equipment. Experience has shown that such services and the depreciation allowance on applicant-owned equipment will not cover an operator's share of the total exploration costs. In addition, the Government does not advance funds for its share of the costs under a contract. An operator pays all

of the first month's costs and then submits a voucher on forms furnished by the Government. After approval, the operator is reimbursed for the Government's share of the costs. As it usually takes from two to three weeks to reimburse an operator, he should have sufficient funds at hand to cover all costs for at least the first two months. Thereafter, normally, reimbursement is received by an operator at monthly intervals.

2.(a) Please advise us who owns the property. If you do not own it, furnish copies of the lease under which it is held by you.

3. You give no indication of your proposed exploration program. Please outline your proposal in full detail.

7. You give us no cost estimate other than a lump estimate of $20,000. You must give a fully detailed cost outline as applied to your proposed program, showing labor, equipment, all major items of supplies, supervising, et cetera. Please study carefully Item No. 7 on the back of the enclosed form.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. Griswold, Chief
Division of Minerals

WRGriswold/gla
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MME Form 40
Dec. 1958

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF MINERALS EXPLORATION

Budget Bureau No. 42-R1368
Approval expires Dec. 31, 1963

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN MINERALS EXPLORATION

Pursuant to Public Law 85-701 (72 Stat. 700; 30 U.S.C. 641)

NAME OF APPLICANT *(Full legal name and mailing address as they should appear on contract if one is executed.)*

LEE EVANS
AT LAST MINES
P.O. BOX 1481
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

APPLICANT DO NOT USE THIS BLOCK

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE RECEIVED

REGION

DIVISION CODE

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION *(Check one)*

- INDIVIDUAL [ ]
- CORPORATION [ ]
- PARTNERSHIP [X]
- OTHER *(Specify)* [ ]

STATE IN WHICH FIRM IS ORGANIZED ARIZONA

LIST CORPORATE OFFICERS OR PARTNERS HERE, IF APPLICABLE

NAME	ADDRESS	TITLE
LEE EVANS	P.O. BOX 1481 PRESCOTT, ARIZ.	PARTNER.
ELIZABETH EVANS	P.O. BOX 1481 PRESCOTT, ARIZ.	PARTNER.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MAY 11 1961
REGION III
DENVER, COLORADO

MINERAL(S) FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO EXPLORE
RUTILE GOLD IRON MERCURY

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT
$ TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

PROPERTY NAME: AT LAST MINES

LOCATION — COUNTY: YAVAPAI — STATE: ARIZONA

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Before filling out this application, please read the *OME Regulations for Obtaining Federal Assistance in Financing Explorations for Mineral Reserves* (30 CFR Chap. III). To assure prompt action, your application must provide all applicable material and information specified on the back of this application form. Avoid unnecessary correspondence and delays by submitting complete and accurate information. *Please submit four copies of this application and all accompanying papers* except as otherwise noted. Place your name and address on each sheet. Each item of information, maps, and reports required as a part of this application is described on the back of this form. Identify each attached statement by the item number to which it applies. If an item does not apply to your application, show the item number on your statement and after it write "not applicable." Maps or sketches should be used to supplement narrative descriptions of the property location and boundaries in item 2, existing mine workings and geology in item 3, and the proposed exploration work in item 5. When this information is not too complex, all of it may be shown on one map or sketch. All documents and other attachments submitted as a part of this application, except those in item 3(g) which you mark to be returned, become the property of the Government and will not be returned to the applicant. Send true copies, *not originals*, of leases, contracts, and other documents which are an essential part of your business records. *File this application with the Office of Minerals Exploration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest OME Field Office.*

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, whether as an individual, corporate officer, partner, or otherwise, both in his own behalf and acting for the applicant, certifies that the information set forth in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete, to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he would not ordinarily undertake the proposed exploration under current conditions and circumstances at his sole expense.

May 5, 1961
DATED

Lee Evans
BY *(Signature)*

PARTNER + OPERATOR.
TITLE

A wilfully false statement or certification to any Department or Agency of the United States Government is a criminal offense. U. S. Code, Title 18, Sec. 1001.

INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH THIS APPLICATION

1. Financial Eligibility:

(a) Submit evidence of efforts made within 90 days preceding the filing of this application to obtain credit from your bank of account and at least one other banking institution or other private source of credit. Such evidence shall include true copies of correspondence which show: (1) date of loan request, (2) amount and terms requested, (3) proposed use of loan funds, and (4) the replies from credit sources. If the loan was offered under terms which you consider unreasonable, state why you consider them so.

(b) List names and addresses of affiliated, parent, or controlling companies or organizations and state extent and nature of their interest.

(c) State how you propose to furnish your share of the cost of the exploration work.

2. Applicant's Rights in Land:

(a) State your interest in the land and mineral rights, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or other. If you are not the owner, submit one true copy of the lease, contract, or other document (with address of owner) under which you control the property. Describe all liens, mortgages, or other encumbrances on the land and state book and page number and official place where recorded.

(b) State the legal description (section, township, and range; metes and bounds; patent number of claims) of the land upon which you wish to explore and all adjacent land which you own or control. Describe any part of the land or workings which should not be subject to Government royalty and liens. If the land consists of unpatented claims, state book and page number for each recorded location notice, including amended locations, and official place where recorded. State all the names by which you know the property.

(c) For all land or mineral rights encumbered or not owned, submit five copies of Lien and Subordination Agreements on MME Form 52. If the agreements cannot be obtained, state reasons and provide copies of letters of refusal.

3. Physical Description:

(a) Describe in detail and illustrate with maps or sketches all mining or exploration operations which you know have been or are being conducted upon the land. Include existing mine workings and all production facilities.

(b) State your interest, if any, in operations described in (a).

(c) State, if you know, the past and current production, supporting your statement with copies of settlement sheets, mine records, or published data if available.

(d) Describe known ore reserves, giving quantities and grades and sampling methods used. Support your statement with copies of assay certificates and assay maps if available.

(e) Describe by narrative and maps or sketches the geologic features of the property, including ore minerals, geologic formations if known, and type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.).

(f) State your reasons for expecting to find ore, and if you have sampled the area you propose to explore, show where the samples were taken, describe sampling methods used, and provide copies of assay certificates.

(g) Send with your application at least *two* copies of all geologic or engineering reports, assay maps, or technologic information which you have, indicating whether you require their return.

4. Accessibility of Property:

(a) To aid the OME representative who may examine the property, state name and address of person who will meet him; give directions for reaching the property; and describe accessibility of property and of any mine workings.

(b) Name the shipping and supply points and state the distances to the property.

5. Exploration Work:

(a) Describe fully the proposed exploration work giving individual footages and sizes of openings *for each item of work.* Use narrative, maps, plans, and sections as necessary. Show location of the proposed work as related to geologic features such as veins, ore-bearing beds, contacts of rock formations, etc. Show also the relation of the proposed work to any existing mine workings and to *land boundaries* or to the closest identifiable corner.

(b) If an access road must be built, show the proposed location on the property map and state the length, type and construction methods proposed.

(c) If an OME contract is executed, state how soon thereafter work would be started and finished. State your anticipated average daily or monthly rate of progress for each type of work.

6. Experience:

State your operating experience and background to conduct this exploration work and also that of the person who will supervise the work.

7. Estimate of Costs:

Furnish detailed estimates of the necessary costs *for each item of the work proposed in 5(a)* under the headings listed below with a total for each heading and the estimated total cost of the work. Costs for any work to be performed by an independent contractor should be listed separately under category (a) below. Costs for any work that is not to be performed by an independent contractor should be listed under categories (b) through (g).

(a) Independent contracts. State the total cost of any proposed independent contract for all or any part of the work, and the number of units and the unit cost for each type of work, such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, or per cubic yard of material moved. Cost estimates should be supported by bids from three contractors if possible. (*Note*—If none of the work is to be contracted, write "none" after this item.)

(b) Personal services. The cost of supervision, engineering and geological services, outside consultants, and labor should be itemized by numbers and classes of employees; rates of wages, salaries or fees; and periods of employment. State whether these services are available.

(c) Operating materials and supplies. List items of material and supplies giving quantity and cost of each. Include under this heading power, water, and fuel, and units of equipment and tools costing less than $50 each.

(d) Operating equipment. List items of equipment and tools costing $50 or more per unit. Give specifications and indicate how each item is to be acquired—i.e., rented, purchased or provided by the applicant. If rented or purchased, state the estimated rental or purchase price. If furnished by the applicant, state condition and present fair market value.

(e) Initial rehabilitation and repairs. Describe the type and the cost of *initial* rehabilitation or repair of existing buildings, fixtures, installations (exclusive of mine workings), and movable operating equipment now owned by the applicant which will be used in the exploration work.

(f) New buildings, fixtures, installations. Describe each building, fixed improvement, and installation to be purchased, constructed, or installed for the exploration work, stating specifications and cost including labor, materials, and supervision.

(g) Miscellaneous. Describe the type and estimate the cost of repairs and maintenance of the operating equipment listed in 7(d). Do not repeat initial repairs listed in 7(e). Show also the costs of analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employees' liability insurance, payroll taxes, and other required costs that do not fall within the previous categories. [*Note*—The Government will not contribute to costs incurred before the date of the contract, or to costs of or incident to: (1) acquiring, using, or possessing land and any existing improvements, facilities, buildings, installations, and appurtenances, or the depreciation and depletion thereof; (2) general overhead, corporate management, interest and taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes); (3) insurance (other than employees' liability insurance); and (4) damages to persons or property (other than authorized repair to or replacement of equipment or other property used in the work).]

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Building 20 - Federal Center
Denver 25, Colorado

May 12, 1961

Memorandum

To: George C. Selfridge, Chief
Division of Field Operations, OME
Washington 25, D.C.

From: Hugh M. Connors, Acting Field Officer, OME, Region III

Subject: Application for OME Aid (Rutile-Gold-Iron-Mercury)
Lee Evans
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Attached is the subject wholly inadequate application in the amount of $20,000.00.

Only one copy of MME Form 40 is being retained in this office.

Original signed by

Hugh M. Connors

Attachments
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cc Application File
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