UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
Office of Minerals Exploration
345 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, California 94025

June 3, 1974

MEMORANDUM

To: Chief, Office of Minerals Exploration
Washington, D. C.

From: Field Officer, Region II

Subject: New application (Gold-Silver-Platinum-Copper-Chromium)
Ralph W. and Alice C. Griffen
Starlite Claims
Kern County, California

Enclosed is the original of a new application received in this office June 3, 1974. Spectrographic analyses have not been received. We have made duplicate copies for our file.

The application is complete with respect to Question 1(a): Bank letters. The answers to all other questions, including the name of the corporation, are either omitted or are incomplete.

We have acknowledged receipt of the application without comment on its deficiencies. If funds become available, the applicant should be requested to answer each numbered question on MME Form 40 except 1(a) and--if no more claims are staked--2(b).

R. M. Smith
for H. K. Stager

Enclosures

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Office of Minerals Exploration
345 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, California 94025

June 3, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Griffen
P.O. Box 367
Inyokern, California 93527

Re: OME application
(Gold-Silver-Platinum-Copper-Chromium)
Ralph W. and Alice C. Griffen
Starlite Claims
Kern County, California

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Griffen:

Your application dated May 30, 1974 for exploration assistance has been reviewed and forwarded to our Washington, D. C. office.

As you know, all funds for the OME assistance program for this fiscal year have been committed, and at present it appears that none will be budgeted for next fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974. If funds are made available, applications will be considered in the order received, and you will be notified of the results.

Sincerely,

H. K. Stager
Field Officer
OME, Region II

cc: Chief, OME, Wash., D. C.
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MRRF
MPRF
Docket

RCSmith:mlb
6-3-74

MME Form 40
(Revised Nov. 71)

Form approved
Budget Bureau No. 42-R1368

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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.)*

RALPH W. GRIFFEN
ALICE C. GRIFFEN

APPLICANT DO NOT USE THIS BLOCK

DOCKET NUMBER: 6904

DATE RECEIVED:

REGION: II

DIVISION CODE:

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION *(Check one)*

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

STATE IN WHICH FIRM IS ORGANIZED: NEVADA

LIST CORPORATE OFFICERS OR PARTNERS HERE, IF APPLICABLE

NAME	ADDRESS	TITLE
ALICE C GRIFFEN	BOX 367 INYOKERN CA 93527	PRESIDENT
RALPH W. GRIFFEN	" " " " " "	VICE " "

MINERAL(S) FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO EXPLORE: GOLD SILVER PLATINUM GROUP COPPER & CHROME

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: Seventy five thousand dollars $75,000.00

PROPERTY NAME	LOCATION COUNTY	STATE
STARLITE 6 CLAIMS	KERN	CA

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. II). 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 two 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 Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Minerals Exploration,* ~~Washington, D.C. 20242~~ *or with the nearest OME Field Office.* Reston, Va. 22092

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 30 1974
DATED

Alice C. Griffen PRESIDENT.
Ralph W. Griffen VICE PRESIDENT
BY *(Signature)*

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

(submit on accompanying pages)

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 (1) *true copies of your letters to credit sources* which show date of loan request, amount and terms requested, and proposed use of loan funds and (2) *true copies of 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 signed by owner on MME Form 52. If the agreements cannot be obtained, state reasons and whether you can furnish a performance bond.

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.

(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) 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. State your reasons for expecting to find ore.

(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, address, and telephone number 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 on maps also the relation of the proposed work to any existing mine workings and to *claim 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 time and materials *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 price 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 and mobilization charge. 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, and materials.

(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).]

GOSSAM CAP MINES, INC.
P.O. BOX 367, INYOKERN, CAL. 93527

Mr. Frank Klessen

Loan office

Community National Bank

Ridgerest, Ca. 93555

Gentlemen,;

I would like to make an application for a loan of $75,000.00 Seventy Five Thousand dollars. The money to be used in completing exploration work on mine called Starlight, comprising at present of six claims, and six more are being added. We already have a 110 foot tunnel and crossed main vein of tungston ore, and 500 feet further we will cross a vein of Platinum ore. This vein shows on top at about 800 feet. The ore is complete with Copper, Gold, and Chrome besides platinum, assays show .19 oz. Platinum and .24 Gold. We have other assays comming in, We would like the loan on a two year basis if possible and would like to know your intrest rates.

Respectfully Yours,

Ralph W. Griffen

COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK ...THE RED CARPET BANK

April 22, 1974

Gossam Cap Mines, Inc.
P. O. Box 367
Inyokern, California 93527

Attention: Ralph W. Griffin

Dear Mr. Griffin:

In reference to your letter, undated, requesting a loan in the amount of $75,000.00 for mine exploration, it is our bank's policy that we do not make loans of this type. We therefore must decline at this time.

If our bank was making this type of loan, our rates would be in the area of 11 to 13 annual percentage rate, depending upon compensating balances and collateral.

If we can be of any further assistance on this matter, please feel free to write or call at any time.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Klassen
Loan Officer

FRK:hrs

P.O. BOX 367, RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA 93555, PHONE (714) 375-1561

GOSSAM CAP MINES
Incorporated
Domestic & Custom Milling
P. O. Box 367, Inyokern, California 93527

President
Mrs. Ralph W. Griffen

Vice President
Mr. Ralph W. Griffen

May 23, 1974

Gentlemen;

We here by apply for the loan of $75,000.00 on the Starlite claims. Six are recorded and eight more are being worked on. We staked this property out in the fourties known as the Saddle, but dropped them due to the low price of Gold. It seems as though this property had been worked a long time before as the diggings were filled in and full of shrubs.

On the rise in price of Gold and Silver I decided to look it over again and found with our new instrument that it was a Platinum group metals. In fact it was a friend of mine who made the discovery with his instrument.

There is a 110 foot tunnel on claim No. 2, A 60 foot shaft on No. 4, and a 50 foot tunnel on No. 5. I have started a tunnel on No. 7 which is not as yet recorded The vein here is about 16 to 20 feet wide and is exposed for about 400 to 600 feet.

With the rising cost of mining I could not do the exploration work that would be needed to prove the value of this property. There are three chjmneys on this claim and run along the crown or top of the ridge. I would say it say it runs about two miles. There is a road to one of the tunnels that is 110 feet. At a 100 feet we cut into a vein of Tungsten. If this tunnel was extended 400 feet we should cross a vein of Platinum ore. I have started a shaft on the opposite side of the mountain or hog back.

The samples and assay record will have notations with them. One assay record is on an Atomic absorption to make sure there was Platinum in this area as there was a concenses here that there was no Platinum in this area. We also enclose a sample of Tungsten ore.

Thereis a mine operating about five air line miles from our property twards Owen Peak on the same chain, which has been operating at least thirty years, the owners name is Mr. Siebert, I dont know the name of his mine.

Respectfully Yours
Ralph W. Griffen
Ralph W. Griffen

United Bank Center
1740 Broadway
Denver, Colorado 80217
Telephone: (303) 861-8811

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United Bank of Denver

John H. Ferry
Vice President

November 7, 1973

Mr. Ralph W. Griffen
Vice President
Gossam Cap Mines, Inc.
Post Office Box 367
Inyokern, California 93527

Dear Mr. Griffen:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 18, 1973.

We do make loans predicated on mine ore production. These loans usually are term loans based on an economic feasibility study (1) demonstrating that a fully explored deposit can be developed and placed in production; or (2) a current record of profitable mining operations. In both instances, the feasibility study would be supported by details of thorough exploration showing beyond any reasonable doubt that there are blocked out reserves sufficient to amortize a production loan over its contemplated term. In addition, we require conclusive evidence of ability to market all mineral products under contracts which minimize or effectively eliminate price-fluctuation risks. We also expect any operation to be carried on by a management team which has a demonstrated history of competence in running an integrated exploration, mine development, mining, milling, transportation, and sales organization.

In instances where we provide funds for carrying on new exploratory or development work, or for expansion of plant or milling facilities, we are concerned with a going operation which has at least a year to 18 months of current operating history providing a cash flow which can be used for loan amortization. If the mine is not a going operation and exploratory funds are needed, then the program does not qualify on its own merits for commercial bank debt; instead, this type of financing requirement is better met in other ways.

From your application, it appears that other methods of financing would be more appropriate. If you wish a commercial bank to provide

funds, then the basis would have to be either other sources of income and/or the offering of collateral to secure the bank. Such collateral must be securities of easily determined value and quality and should be readily marketable. This can normally be accomplished through pledging of high-quality, listed stocks and bonds (of a non-control person or non-investment status), or through the guaranty of an individual or corporate entity acceptable to us. Subsequently, if, in fact, your mine operation does demonstrate a profitable history, then it would be possible for us to consider the transfer of the collateral base from the security position of marketable securities or guaranty, as indicated, to a straight mine production term loan.

We would suggest that at this time you pursue either equity or subordinated debt type of financing, or perhaps contact one of several Federal Government agencies which provide semi-risk financing, such as the Office of Minerals Exploration, Geological Survey, Department of the Interior. Also, I am enclosing a brochure containing on Pages 23, 24, and 25 a check-list type form containing suggested information to be covered in evaluation reports submitted to the United Bank of Denver by applicants for mine production loans.

We trust these suggestions will be of some help to you, and we look forward to following your activities and the progress of your mining program with much interest.

Very truly yours,

John H. Ferry
Vice President

JHF/sk
Enclosure

GOSSAM CAP MINES
Incorporated
Domestic & Custom Milling
P. O. Box 367, Inyokern, California 93527

President
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STARLITE LOAD CLAIMS

Registered in Bakersfield, Kern Co.

	Book	Page	Date
Starlite No. 1	4765	1702	Jan. 15 1973
Starlite No. 2	4765	1703	Jan. 15, 1973
Starlite No. 3	4765	1704	Jan. 15 1973
Starlite No. 4	4765	1705	Jan. 15 1973
Starlite No. 5	4765	1706	Jan. 15, 1973
Starlite No. 6	4765	1707	Jan. 15, 1973

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PROSPECTUS

Starlite Mining Claims

Six claims approx. acres 121	Platinum groups
One office building 16 by 20	
One 1971 Cheev. pickup	

Equipment on hand

7 cases of powder	154.00
2000 feet of fuse	60.00
200 caps	9.00
One Chicago 2 stage Comp.	800.00
One Portable Comp.	500.00
Three Jack Hammers	1600.00
Twenty foot air hose	75.00
One Dodge Army truck 3/4 ton F.W.D.	900.00
800 feet 20 lb. steel rail	200.00
250 feet 1 1/2 inch pipe	125.00
One mine car, end dump	150.00
One mine car, incline end dump	150.00
One 50 ton wench	450.00
9 ea. jack hammer steel	150.00

There will be more assay records and Spectographs comming

TELEPHONE (805) 327-8567

P.O. BOX 867

HORNKOHL LABORATORIES, Inc.

CHEMICAL AND TESTING ENGINEERS

714 TRUXTUN AVENUE

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93302

April 11, 1974

Laboratory No. 225953 *Marked* None

Sample Ore

Received April 8, 1974

Submitted by Ralph Griffen
P.O. Box 367
Inyokern, CA 93527

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GOLD & PLATINUM ASSAYS

Constituents		Parts per Million	Troy Oz per Ton
Gold, Au	--	3.16	.09
Platinum, Pt	--	under .01	under .0003

Respectfully submitted,
HORNKOHL LABORATORIES, INC.

for/ Lisa Stoner
Robert E. Whitlach,
Chief Chemist

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LEWIS & WALKER
ASSAYERS - CHEMISTS
111 WEST ELEVENTH STREET
PHONE PRospect 0460
LOS ANGELES 15, CALIFORNIA

May 13,1950.

Ralph W. Griffen-
Box 296-
Myokern, Calif.

Certificate of Assays

Sample No.	Gold Oz. per ton	Gold -Value per ton @$35.00 Oz.	Silver Oz. per ton	Silver Value per ton @$.90 Oz.	Copper -Per cent
Chimney 1-	.02	$ .70	.40	$ .36	.40
" 2-	.08	2.80	1.00	.90	1.46

Cherge $ 5.00 Paid

Lewis and Walker
by _____
Edward Roach, Assayer.