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The records contained in this file are marked (x) and arranged in this order:

Folder No. 1:

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- [ ] Royalty Audits
- [ ] Certification of Discovery
- [ ] Closing Letter
- [ ] Cost Audits
- [ ] Termination Notice or Agreement
- [ ] Recision Notice
- [ ] Assignment of Contract
- [ ] Contract Amendments
- [ ] Contract with all exhibits and annexes
- [ ] Owner's Consent to Lien and Subordination Agreement
- [x] Application and Attachments

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- [ ] Project Summary (final)
- [ ] Work Completed Analysis (final)

All other material filed in chronological order including the following reports if checked:

- [ ] Field Team Semiannual Report for Certified Project
- [ ] Final Field Team Report (Tab)
- [ ] Operator's Final Report (Tab)
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- [ ] Analysis of Semiannual Inspection Reports
- [ ] Project Summary (Interim) by MME Engineers

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- [ ] Field Team Semiannual Report for Certified Project
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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FEDERAL CENTER, DENVER, COLORADO 80225
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February 17, 1967

Memorandum

To: Chief, OME

From: Field Officer, Region III

Subject: Transmittal of an application for financial assistance in minerals Exploration from the Great Divide Mining and Milling Corporation, 105 Eighth Avenue, Sea Cliff, New York 11579

The Great Divide Mining and Milling Corporation has applied for financial assistance in minerals exploration to explore for silver, gold, and copper on the Vermillion Group of Lode Mining Claims, Eureka Mining District, San Juan County, Colorado. The estimated cost of the project is $60,000 and is to include three phases of work, which will include the following items: No. 1--Mine Development; No. 2--Mine Operations; and No. 3--Exploration.

The Mine Development program includes cleaning out transportation tunnel, repairing access road from tunnel portal, installing rail cars, installing air and power lines and sufficient exploration to block out enough ore for ten weeks for a full 10 weeks' operation.

The core drilling portion of this program also requires road work to transport drill rigs to vein outcrops and to prepare drill sites.

The maps submitted with the application do not specifically show the amount of exploration work nor locations of proposed diamond drill holes. The Rattle tunnel workings are shown, but only indicate where rehabilitation work is to be done.

Assay results of the ore show the ore to have the following average values: Gold, .0117 ounces per ton, silver, 5.122 per ton, lead 15.46 percent; zinc, 14.15 percent; and copper, 1.22 percent. These analyses show the gross value of the ore to be $100.59 at current market prices. However, the value of the combined gold-silver-copper totals only $16.30 while the lead and zinc totals $84.29 per ton. The ratio of gold-silver-copper to the lead-zinc is comparatively low and it is questionable whether this application would qualify for OME assistance in view of the fact that only 16 percent of the total value of the ore is in the minerals that are qualified for OME assistance.

A representative of the applicant's company is planning to be in Washington the week of February 20, 1967 and he may call at the office relative to an interview pertaining to this application.

J. William Hasler

J. William Hasler,
Field Officer, Region III
Office of Minerals Exploration

GREAT DIVIDE MINING AND MILLING CORPORATION

(SILVERTON, COLORADO)

105 8th Avenue · Sea Cliff, New York · (516) OR 6-2975

January 12, 1967

Office of Minerals Exploration,
U.S. Department of the Interior,
Denver, Colorado

Att: Mr. Hassler

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find M.M.E. Form 40, in duplicate, with data referring to each paragraph on the reverse side of this form.

Para. 1 -

(a) Letter to Marine Midland Grace Trust Co., N.Y., (with whom we bank) dated Dec. 14, 1966, and their reply of Dec. 16, 1966. Letter of Ray Bennett to Central Bank and Trust Co., Denver, dated Dec. 19, 1966 and their reply dated Dec. 28, 1966.

(b) Great Divide Mining and Milling Corp. sole owners.

(c) By sale of additional stock and income from existing leases on other properties and grazing lease.

Para. 2 -

(a) Owners

(b) Shown on list A and Map A. All patented claims.

(c) None

Para. 3 -

(a) Plates 1 and 2, in duplicate, made by Warren Prosser enclosed, marked Y. and Z.

(b) Previous work done before we acquired title in 1944.

(c) Report of Warren Prosser enclosed.

(d) Report of Warren Prosser enclosed.

(e) Geology map of Burbank, U.S.G.S. Topographical map, marked X, and vein map marked Z (referred to in Part a) enclosed.

(f) Sketch of Rattle Tunnel, marked V enclosed. This shows where samples were taken. Root & Norton assay reports also enclosed. Great Divide spent $10,385.00 in 1966 opening and clearing the Rattle and Vermillion Tunnels.

(g) Enclosed

Para. 4 -

(a) Ray Bennett, 3233 Zenobia, Denver 12, Phone G.R. 7-9389, our engineer, will meet with your representative and take him to the property.

(b) See analysis of Dr. Charles Sheer, enclosed.

Para. 5 -

(a) See Economic Analysis of Dr. Sheer and various maps accompaning.

(b) Map for access road being prepared by Ray Bennett, who will get it to you direct.

(c) As soon as accessible in the spring, June 1st - 15th, 1967.

Para. 6 -

Work will be in charge of Ray Bennett, who has over 25 years of mining experience.

Para. 7 -

See Dr. Sheers Economic analysis.

Also enclosed are Geological Survey of Silverton Quadrangle and Plate IV showing the fracture systems and principal cross-cutting intrusive bodies in the Silverton Quadrangle.

Should you require anything further, please advise, or contact Ray Bennett, G.R. 7-9389.

Very truly yours,
Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.

A.M. Garbade,
President

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Budget Bureau No. 42-R1508
Approval expires Dec. 31, 1968

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.)*

Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.
105 8th Avenue,
Sea Cliff, New York 11579

APPLICANT DO NOT USE THIS BLOCK

DOCKET NUMBER 6596

DATE RECEIVED 2/20/67

REGION III

DIVISION CODE

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION *(Check one)*

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

STATE IN WHICH FIRM IS ORGANIZED Colorado

LIST CORPORATE OFFICERS OR PARTNERS HERE, IF APPLICABLE

NAME	ADDRESS	TITLE
Albert M. Garbade	105 8th Ave. Sea Cliff, New York 11579	Pres.
George P. Sullivan	60 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y.	Treas.
Richard Birmingham	85 Sykes Ave. Livingston, New Jersey	Sec'y.

MINERAL(S) FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO EXPLORE
Silver, Gold & Copper

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT
$ 60,000.00

PROPERTY NAME	LOCATION COUNTY	STATE
Listed on Separate sheet & on Map A	San Juan	Colorado

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 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 Office of Minerals Exploration, Department of the Interior,* ~~Washington, D. C., or with the nearest OME Field Office.~~ Washington, D. C., 20242, 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.

Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.

January 12th, 1967
DATED

BY *(Signature)* [signature]

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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).]

L. B. STEWARD, Mgr.

ROOT & NORTON

ASSAYERS AND CHEMISTS
UMPIRE AND CONTROL WORK
Durango, Colorado. 81301

Telephone 247-3786 — Area Code 303
Mailing Address — Route 1, Box 389

RATTLE TUNNEL.

CERTIFICATE OF ASSAY

Assayed for Great Divide M. & M. Co.

NO.	DESCRIPTION	Ozs. Per Ton 2,000 Lbs. GOLD	Ozs. Per Ton 2,000 Lbs. SILVER	Per Cent Lead (wet)	Per Cent Copper (wet)	Per Cent Zinc	Per Cent Insoluble	Per Cent Iron	Per Cent	Per Cent
1	Open Cut	0.02	43.35	33.60		15.30				
2	Cross Cut	0.01	3.40	21.80		25.40				
3	Winze No. 1	0.01	3.36	10.70		9.80	MAPPED			
4	Winze No. 2	0.005	2.78	18.20		22.00				
5	Spec. Sample	0.02	5.62	32.80		19.80				
6	Black Talc	0.005	1.76	0.20		0.10				

Durango, Colorado.... June 23, 1966....
Charges $. 48.00.....

L. Steward
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929	Tempest Dump	0.06	2.94	2.70		3.40				
930	" "	0.28	47.72							
	N. End, Fe & Pb									
931	Tempest Dump	0.27	8.90			6 ✓				
	Zinc									
932	Tempest Dump,	0.05	18.15	25.60	0.88	4.60				
	Approx. 200 T.									
933	Last stope W.	0.005	1.36	5.40		2.20		mapped		
	Rattle tunnel									
934	Tempest dump,	0.02	1.02	0.50		0.40				
	NW end									
935	Rattle Stope	0.03	6.06	26.00		23.70		mapped		
936	Equator?? open cut	0.02	3.14	17.60		4.60		mapped		
	Avg. 6'									

Durango, Colorado July 29, 1966

Charges $ 43.50

L. Steward

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L. B. STEWARD, Mgr.

ROOT & NORTON

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UMPIRE AND CONTROL WORK
Durango, Colorado. 81301

Telephone 247-3786 — Area Code 303
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RATTLE TUNNEL EAST
AND OPEN CUT ON SURFACE
EQUATOR.

CERTIFICATE OF ASSAY

Assayed for Great Divide M. & M. Co.

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1	Stope Willson, sample Rattle Tunnel.	0.01	15.20	64.60		5.10				
2	Rattle, R&B stope, new ladder	0.025	4.42	9.10	MAPPED					
3	Equator, open cut	0.015	5.95	52.80						
4	Stope with new ladder, Ray & Bob	0.02	3.24							

Durango, Colorado.....July 13, 1966

Charges $ 19.00

L. Steward
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1	Tempest Quartz	0.15	24.05							
2	Tempest	3.21	34.50							

Location (Dump) not shown on map.

Durango, Colorado July 19, 1966
Charges $ 7.00

L. B. Steward
ASSAYERS

GREAT DIVIDE MINING AND MILLING CORPORATION

(SILVERTON, COLORADO)

105 8th Avenue · Sea Cliff, New York · (516) OR 6-2975

Office of Minerals Exploration Application
List of Claims and Patent Numbers

Vermillion Group

Name of Claim	Claim Patent Number
Vermillion Extension #1	109
Vermillion Extension #2	1290
Russell	2184
Parallel	18152
Buffalo	509
Ellen	1232
Equator	113
Justice	18152
Silver	512
Central	507
Big Giant	505
Georgia George	504
Clara	506
A.W. Hafer	508
Adelia	510
Hite Wing	511
Waldron	513
Dolly	1231
Bruce (81/100)	19320
Little Julia (81/100)	19320

Tempest Group

Tempest	5671
Acme	5671
Rainbow	5671
Gipsey King	1775
Gipsey Maid (7/8)	1845

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Mr. Charles Sheer
196 Herrick Avenue
Teaneck, New Jersey

RE: OME-6596 (Silver, Gold, Copper)
Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.
Vermillion Group of Lode Mining Claims
San Juan County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Sheer:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 8, 1967.

Although the subject application is considered as withdrawn in accordance with Mr. Garbade's request of August 28, please be assured that upon receipt of the information previously requested we shall be glad to continue its processing.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Kirkemo/gls

Harold Kirkemo
Assist. Chief
Office of Minerals Exploration

cc: Mr. A. M. Garbade
Great Divide Mining and Milling Corporation
105 8th Avenue
Sea Cliff, New York 11579

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OME Region III w/cy incoming letter dtd. 9/8/67
Mr. Peterson

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CHARLES SHEER
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September 8, 1967

Mr. Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of Minerals Exploration
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20242

RE: OME-6596 (Silver, Gold, Copper)
Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.
Vermillion Group of Lode Mining Claims
San Juan County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I apologize for not responding to your letter of July 25, 1967, which arrived while I was away on an extended trip.

Mr. Garbade is in Silverton at the present time and is looking further into the matter of obtaining more specific geological data in support of our application. We had hoped that we might keep our application in abeyance until this was in hand. However, this appears to be taking longer than we originally envisaged. If such data are not submitted by the end of September, and if it is inconvenient for OME to hold the application in abeyance beyond that date, we shall understand the necessity for considering the application as withdrawn.

We trust this will not prejudice our submission of a new application subsequently when the required supporting evidence becomes available.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

CS/rhs

Charles Sheer

Charles Sheer.

CC: A. M. Garbade
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Great Divide Mining and Milling Corporation
105 8th Avenue
Sea Cliff, New York 11579

Re: OME-6596 (Silver, Gold, Copper)
Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.
Vermillion Group of Lode Mining Claims
San Juan County, Colorado

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of August 28, 1967, we are considering the subject application as having been withdrawn and are placing it in our inactive files.

If you wish to reopen this case at any time in the future, you may do so by filing a new application, referring to this OME docket number, and furnishing the information pertinent to your new proposal. This information should include new bank letters dated within 90 days of filing the new application, but need not repeat data already submitted.

We are enclosing a copy of a Department of the Interior news release relating to the OME contract with the Ventura Oil Company to explore the Mountain Top property in southwest Colorado. Apparently the newspaper article neglected to mention that this was in connection with an OME exploration application.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson

Enclosure

cc: Director's Reading File
Division File
Economic Geology File
OME Docket
OME Reading File
OME Region III w/cy incoming letter dated 8/28/67
Mr. Peterson

ECPeterson/gla 9-6-67

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GREAT DIVIDE MINING AND MILLING CORPORATION

(SILVERTON, COLORADO)

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August 28, 1967

Mr. Frank E. Johnson, Chief,
Office of Minerals Exploration,
Department of Interior
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Please withdraw our Loan Application on the Vermillion, O.M.E. 6596.

The Silverton Standard of August 4th, 1967 has an article which reads as follows:

> "The U.S. Geological Survey has announced an intensive search for silver deposits, is to take place 'in the very near future' on the Mountain Top property in the San Juan, between Ouray and San Miguel Counties. The exploration project which officials say will cost $81,600. was decided upon simply because there is a severe shortage of silver. The search is an arrangement between the USGS and Ventura Oil Co. of Denver, with the USGS paying 75 per cent of the bill. Ventura is to repay the government if production silver is found in any quantity."

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What are the requirements to have the USGS make an intensive search for silver deposits on our property? We have 250 Claims in San Juan County, many of which based on old reports have silver and we would be only too glad to make an arrangement such as entered into with Ventura Oil.

Any suggestions you may have to accomplish a program of this type would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

M. Mizgarbat

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AUG 29 1967

Mr. Charles Sheer
196 Herrick Avenue
Teaneck, New Jersey 07666

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Vermillion Group of Lode Mining Claims
San Juan County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Sheer:

We have not had a reply to our letter of July 25, 1967. If you require additional time to prepare the information previously requested, please let us know. If we do not receive a reply from you within thirty days from the date of this letter, we will assume that you are no longer interested in proceeding with your application and shall consider it as having been withdrawn.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

Copy to: Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.
105 8th Avenue
Sea Cliff, New York 11579

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Mr. Charles Sheer
196 Herrick Avenue
Teaneck, New Jersey 07666

Re: OME-6596 (Silver, Gold, Copper)
Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.
Vermillion Group of Lode Mining Claims
San Juan County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Sheer:

We have not heard from you since your letter of May 15, 1967. Will you please advise us when we may expect to receive the necessary information so that we may continue processing your application.

We wish to cooperate fully in allowing you ample time to obtain the requested data; however, we cannot indefinitely postpone action on an application.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

(for)

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

Copy to: Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.
105 8th Avenue
Sea Cliff, New York 11579

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May 15, 1967.

Mr. Frank E. Johnson,
Chief, Office of Minerals Exploration,
U. S. Department of the Interior,
Washington 25, D. C.

RE: OME-6596
Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.,
Vermillion Group of Lode Mining Claims,
San Juan County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In reply to your inquiry of May 3, 1967, I would like to state that the Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.is definitely desirous of prosecuting its application for finance assistance in the exploration of the Vermillion claims. We fully believe we can provide evidence confirming the probability of finding significant values in silver, gold and copper on this property.

Since our meeting in your office on March 15, 1967, during which you were kind enough to detail the supplementary information required, we have been actively engaged in assembling this information. However, certain unavoidable delays have rendered my original on-the-spot estimate of two to three weeks for the submission of the supplementary material, inapplicable. For example, the geologist who made a detailed examination of the site for us last summer is away on an extended trip, and may be unavailable for some time. We may, therefore, have to get the site re-examined and this has been precluded due to weather conditions. Similarly, estimates of drilling costs including site preparation require accessibility. We may have to wait until the season opens in the Silverton district -- usually in June -- before we can gather the data required to support our application.

In view of this problem, I trust you will keep our application in the active file with the understanding that we will submit our supplementary data as soon after the season opens as we can manage to obtain it.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Sheer

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105 8th Avenue
Sea Cliff, New York 11579

Re: OME-6596 (Silver, Gold, Copper)
Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.
Vermillion Group of Lode Mining Claims
San Juan County, Colorado

Gentlemen:

We have not heard from you since Dr. Sheer's visit to the Washington office on March 15. At that time he stated an amended application would be submitted within two or three weeks. Will you please inform us of your plans regarding the application. If you have decided not to pursue it further, will you please so inform us.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

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GREAT DIVIDE MINING AND MILLING CORPORATION

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Mr. Frank E. Johnson, Chief,
Office of Mineral Exploration,
Department of Interior,
Washington 25, D.C.

Re: O.M.E.#6596

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Dr. Charles Sheer, a member of the Board of Great Divide, will be in Washington next Wednesday and Thursday, March 15th-16th, and would like to discuss our application with you. Dr. Sheer will phone you on the A.M. of the 15th for an appointment.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Very truly yours,

A. M. Garbade, Pres.

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Dr Sheer met with Mr. Johnson + Peterson on March 15, to discuss the proposed project. The meeting clarified to the applicant just what was needed to complete his application. Dr Sheer stated he would submit an amended application within two to three weeks.

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Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.
105 8th Avenue
Sea Cliff, New York 11579

Re: OME-6596 (Silver, Gold, Copper)
Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.
Vermillion Group of Lode Mining Claims
San Juan County, Colorado

Gentlemen:

Your application for assistance to explore the cited group of claims has been reviewed, and we offer the following comments.

Our review indicates that your proposal does not qualify for OME assistance. The assay information submitted with the application suggests that the principal metal values present in the deposit are lead and zinc, which are not presently on the list of metals eligible for Government assistance. The few analyses of material which show silver in excess of the base metals appear not to be representative of the average tenor of vein material found to date at the property. To qualify, eligible metals dollarwise must be the principal values present, or the deposit should show promise of contributing substantial quantities of eligible metals as major byproducts. The data submitted with the application indicate that neither possibility is likely in this case.

However, if you believe that predominantly silver, gold, and/or copper-bearing exploration targets are present, you should submit sample and assay data to support this view and related information to substantiate your proposal.

Should you decide to continue with this application, you will also have to furnish additional information to complete it. Careful attention to each item on the back of the application form will show you what is required. We note especially that the proposed exploration work is not explained in sufficient detail to support the proposal or to justify the estimated costs. The proposed work should be described fully indicating the geologic targets you wish to explore, how you propose to explore them, and give individual footages and sizes of openings

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for each item of work. Detailed estimates of the necessary costs for each item of the work must also be supplied as required under Item 7 of the application form.

Much of the work proposed is for rehabilitation and entry into areas near existing workings. Such work is more in the nature of development than exploration and should not constitute the bulk of the project under OME regulations. Please note that the Government does not provide funds for transporting mined ore to mills for processing.

Submittal of information to qualify your application for further consideration should not be construed as a commitment by the Government to grant an exploration contract. We shall hold the further processing of the application in abeyance until the requested data are received.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

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February 21, 1967

Great Divide Mining & Milling Corp.
105 8th Avenue
Sea Cliff, New York 11579

Subject: OME-6596

Gentlemen:

Your application for exploration assistance, dated January 12, 1967, submitted to our office at Denver, Colorado, has been assigned Docket No. OME-6596.

Please identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this docket number.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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