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Application
- [ ] Denied
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Contract
- [ ] Terminated - Not Certified
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- [ ] Cancelled
- [ ] Royalty Agreement

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
- [ ] Application and attachments

Right Side

- [ ] Project summary (final)
- [ ] Work Completed analysis (final)

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

- [ ] Field Team Semi-Annual Report for Certified Project
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- [ ] Operator's Final Report (Tab)
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- [ ] Operator's monthly reports and all attachments
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Additional Folders:

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- [ ] Analysis of Semi-Annual Inspection Reports
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Misc.—Financial Statement

THE HOME INDEMNITY COMPANY

HOME OFFICE NEW YORK

FINANCIAL STATEMENT MADE TO THE HOME INDEMNITY COMPANY BY:

(1) If an Individual, give full name, business and residence address;
(2) If a Co-partnership, give full name, business and residence each partner;
(3) If a Corporation, give corporate name, principal office, when and where incorporated; names of principal executive officers

Bryant L Roper
Vernal Utah

THIS STATEMENT IS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH:

(1). Application for bond in the penalty of $..... with ..... as Principal, and ....., as obligee.

(2). Applications to be made from time to time to said Company for the execution of various bonds for the undersigned or ..... as Principal, providing for the performance of contracts.

(3). Bond of indemnity given to said Company on account of .....

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS OF ....., 19.....
Insert Date. Otherwise statement will be returned.

This statement must be made up by Applicant or his Bookkeeper. AGENTS NOT ALLOWED TO DO THIS.

Cash in Bank (as per Schedule "A")	500	00	**Notes Payable** (as per Schedule "G")		
Cash on Hand			(a) To Banks Regular	none	
Stocks, Bonds, etc. (as per Schedule "B")			(b) To Others (exclusive of equipment)	none	
Accounts Receivable (as per Schedule "C")			**Accounts Payable** (as per Schedule "H")	none	
Notes Receivable (as per Schedule "D")			(a) Not Past Due $		
Materials in Stock not included in any items above (present value)			(b) Past Due $		
Total Current Assets			**Total Current Liabilities**		
FIXED ASSETS					
Equipment at Book Value (as per Schedule "E")	3000	00	**Encumbrance on Equipment** (as per Schedule "E")	1512	14
Real Estate (as per Schedule "F")					
(a) Used for Business 108 acres Grazing land Value $	1080	00	**Encumbrance on Real Estate** (as per Schedule "F")	none	
(b) Homestead Home Value $	12000	00			
(c) Held as Investment Coal land Value $	3000	00	**All Other Liabilities**	none	
All Other Assets (explain fully if credit expected)					
Tractor & Equipment	1500	00			
Car & Pickup	1600	00	**Capital Stock** (paid up) if a corporation		
			Surplus and Undivided Profits	20,167	86
Total Assets	21,680	00	**Total Liabilities**	21,680	00

Are there any judgments, suits or claims pending against you? no

Have any of your notes or accounts receivable, been assigned, pledged, sold or discounted? no
If so, explain fully .....

Are you acting as surety or bondsman for others, or as indorser on their notes or accounts? ..... If so, give amounts and details no

Have you any other contingent liabilities? no

(over)

SCHEDULE "A"

NAME OF BANK	LOCATION	AMOUNT ON DEPOSIT
1st Security Bank	Vernal Utah	500.00

SCHEDULE "B"—STOCKS, BONDS, ETC.

NAME OF SECURITY	NO. SHARES	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	DIVIDENDS PAID PAST TWO YEARS	IF ANY IS PLEDGED, STATE TO WHOM AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE

SCHEDULE "C"—ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

AMOUNT	WHEN DUE	IS IT GOOD?	FROM WHOM DUE (NAME AND ADDRESS)

SCHEDULE "D"—NOTES RECEIVABLE

AMOUNT DUE	WHEN DUE	FOR WHAT DUE	HOW SECURED	NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY FROM WHOM DUE

SCHEDULE "E"—EQUIPMENT

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION AND CAPACITY OF ITEMS	AGE OF ITEMS	PURCHASE PRICE	DEPRECIATION CHARGED OFF	BOOK VALUE	ENCUMBRANCE
	Drilling Rig			3000.00		15/12 14
	Tractor & Equip.			1500.00		None
	Car & pickup			1600.00		None

SCHEDULE "F"—REAL ESTATE

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	IN WHOSE NAME IS TITLE?	WHAT RENTS PER MONTH	PRESENT FORCED SALE VALUE	AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE
Home			12000.00	None
108 Acres Grazing Land			1080.00	None

SCHEDULE "G"—NOTES PAYABLE

AMOUNT	NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY TO WHOM PAYABLE	FOR WHAT PURPOSE	WHAT SECURITY	WHEN DUE

SCHEDULE "H"—ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

AMOUNT	NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY TO WHOM PAYABLE	FOR WHAT?	DATE OF PURCHASE	DATE EXPECTED TO PAY

Amounts of life insurance	In what companies?	To whom payable?

The foregoing statement is made to induce **THE HOME INDEMNITY COMPANY** to accept the indemnity or become surety as set forth therein.

The undersigned states on his oath that the foregoing statement is fair, true and correct.

Burnard L. Roper

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of May, 1966

My commission expires Dec 13 1966

Martin W. Lentz

Notary Public

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF MINERALS EXPLORATION

U. S. Geological Survey -- Denver Federal Center
Building 25- Room 2284
Denver, Colorado 80225

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April 28, 1966

Memorandum

To: Chief, OME

From: Field Officer, Region III

Subject: Application for financial assistance in minerals exploration for Mr. Bryant L. Roper

Transmitted herewith is an application for financial assistance in minerals exploration for Mr. Bryant L. Roper, (an individual),. Mr. Roper proposes to explore for silver, nickel, copper, manganese and gold on the Marcella Claims, Uintah County, Utah.

The applicant submitted only one copy of the data required and is lacking in several items, e.g., there is no statement as to how he plans to furnish his share of the cost of exploration. Samples should be taken of the vein and be assayed. I cannot understand why the shafts are not located to explore the structure as shown in green on his claim map. Some trenching across the vein structure accompanied by diamond drilling would be a more effective way to explore the property.

1 & 2 shafts are not green

I have taken the liberty to reproduce copies of the application for Region III use merely for sake of time in corresponding with the applicant.

J. William Hosler

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OFFICIAL COPY M. E. RECEIVED MAY 2, 1966

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.)*

BRYANT L. ROPER
Rt-1, Box 251
Vernal Utah

APPLICANT DO NOT USE THIS BLOCK

DOCKET NUMBER 6556

DATE RECEIVED 5-2-66

REGION III

DIVISION CODE

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION *(Check one)*

INDIVIDUAL #
CORPORATION
PARTNERSHIP
OTHER *(Specify)*

STATE IN WHICH FIRM IS ORGANIZED UTAH

LIST CORPORATE OFFICERS OR PARTNERS HERE, IF APPLICABLE

NAME	ADDRESS	TITLE

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

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT
$

PROPERTY NAME	LOCATION COUNTY	STATE
MARCELLA MINING CLAIMS	Uintah	Utah

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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.

April 4-1966
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BY *(Signature)*

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INT.-DUP. SEC., WASH., D.C

VERNAL UTAH
April 4,-66.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF MINERAL EXPLORATION

Financial Assistance
Requested $ 95562.00

Dear Sirs;

I have a group of six (6) Mining Claims they are located on the dryfork Mountain about twenty miles North West from Vernal Utah, They are un-patented Claims and are on Record in the Office of Uintah County Recorder at Vernal Ut. They are Known as the Marcella Mining Claims, Marcella #1, through Marcella #6, the date of Recording and other information such as Book, Page, E.T.C; is enclosed here with. Please refer to Exhibit #5-B

I have owned these Claims for several years and have done considerable prospect and exploration work on them, and I submit herewith a chart identified as the Exhibit #1, showing in some detail the location of each prospect excavation and the extent thereof.

During the comming summer I would like to advance the exploration work on said Mining Claims, but will need some Financial Assistance for same, Therefore this writing is my request to C.M.E. for Financial Assistance to further this prospect and exploration plan concerning the Marcella Mining Claims.

Said Claims have a very prominent outcropping composed chiefly of Crystalline Silica, containning much Quartz and Mineral Oxides Hematite, Limonite, and is highly saturate with Pyrolusite, The Black Manganese Oxide, and other Mineral constituents showing abundant profuse Box work impregnated with indigent Oxide materials common to the exposed weathered outcrop Gossan of highly Oxidized vein Ore bearing materials, The outcropping material constitutes the apex of the main ridge system and trends inclining to the south eastward and is easily discernable for more than one thousand feet, On the extreme North it terminates abruptly and appears to be cut off by East West Faulting, Also on the north most part the debris is widely scattered over a large area, Large chunks and pieces containning great amounts of shattered angular broken pieces and fragaments of intruded rock which indicates intense fracturing of the Formation, Also indicating the possibility of a large extensive Vein system, The outcroping has became apically truncated due to the presence of so much Oxidizable Material and its extensive scattering has been a problem in trying to locate the exact location of the fracture, Therefore I believe the plan which is herewith submitted to be of sufficient scope to explore this property in detail sufficient to make the required determinations as to its Mineral producing possibilities.

I believe the intruded Formation to be Sandstone of the Pennyslvannian System of Rocks of a late Paleozoic Geological Period, I believe the Sandstone formation to be underlaid with a System of Limestone Rocks equivalent also to the upper Carboniferous,

I have done some sampling of the Gossan material, The Assay returns showed small amounts of SILVER, MANGANESE, NICKEL, GOLD, COPPER, IRON, ZINC, LEAD AND ARSENIC none sufficient to classify it as commercial Ore. Quite possibly it contains also a favorable amount of CASSITERITE, The Samples were taken as a double hand full from each skip that was hoisted out, Was well mixed then Quartered and re-quartered untill reduced to the desired amount for Sampling,

None of the Material sampled was taken from a Vein or Ore deposit,
None of the Material sampled was selected specimen pieces, neither was any of the Sample Material upgraded by Panning or other methods.

Further along the Vein Southward it still retains its prominence being the higher part of the ridge and becoming narrower and confined to a lesser area, highly Mineralized and Varigated the Diagnostic Colors rangeing from the lighter Yellows on through the Browns, Reds, Maroons, Choclate, and graduating into the deeper Black colors which predominate and takes precedence over all the lighter Colors, The out crop continues for several hundred feet retainning its Black highly Mineralized characteristics untill it finally yields its dark pigimentation, Becoming lighter and blending with the formation, losing its identity and becoming of no consequence.

My plan is to continue Shaft #1. to the 100ft level,(It is indicated on Exhibit #1. on Claim #3. being #8,) Thence cross cut 100feet West& East, if no structure is encountered thence sink Shaft on to the 200 ft level and again X-cut 100ft West & East.,If no discovery is made at completion of this part of plan, I would then go in the area of the boundry of Claim #3, & #5. and repeat the plan as herein proposed for Shaft #1.

The proposed site for Shaft #3, is indicated as #7,on Exhibit #1. and appears to be of a different structure, My plan is to sink 100ft then X-cut 100ft each to the East & West. uhless a discovery was made this would comprise the entirity of my plan.

Should a discovery of Ore Minerals be made at any point of the proposed operation I would make every possible attempt to produce and market them.

I welcome any represenative of the O.M.E. and hereby give my permission for them to enter upon the said property of the Marcella Mining Claims at any time to seek information concerning the Geology, Minerology, or possibilities of these Claims ## containing Values, so long as the cost thereof is not assigned to me.

There are some other factors concerning this Application which I hope to discuss with an O.M.E. represnative.

Hopeing I have given sufficient information and properly answered all the questions pertaining to this application in compliance to the regulations thereof.

Yours Truly

Bryant L. Roper

Bryant L. Roper
Rt-1,
Box 251
Vernal Utah;

First Security Bank of Utah

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

VERNAL OFFICE

VERNAL, UTAH

March 28, 1966

Bryant L. Roper
Route 1 Box 251
Vernal, Utah

Dear Mr. Roper:

We received your letter this morning wherein you requested First Security Bank to lend you $90,140.00 to do mining exploration on Dry Fork Mountain. We appreciate this loan request and the confidence you have shown in us by asking us for this loan.

We are in a very tight money market at the present time and after reviewing this matter with our loan committee it was felt that you would certainly need a longer type financing and a much cheaper interest rate than our bank would be able to offer at this time. We are sorry that we cannot be of service to you at this time. This refusal has nothing to do with your credit as you have an A-1 credit rating with us. It is just that with the amount of money envolved and our present market structure it would not be feasible for us to grant this loan at the present time.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please advise.

Yours truly,

Dan W. Turner

Dan W. Turner
Assistant Manager

DWT:sm

VERNAL UTAH
March 25,66

This is a copy of letter Submitted

FIRST SECURITY BANK OF UTAH
East Main St
Vernal Utah;

Dear Sirs;

During this coming summer of 1966, I plan to do some extensive exploration work on the MARCELLA MINING CLAIM Group, located about twenty miles north and west from Vernal Ut.on the dryFork Mt. Said Mining Claims being on Record in the UINTAH COUNTY RECORDERS OFFICE at Vernal,

These Mining Claims have excellent Geological and Mineral bearing possibilities of being developed into producers of valuable Metalifferous ores and are complimented with a very prominent Mineralized outcroping suggestive of underlying values.

Through the years I have done considerable exploration work on these Claims and now need financial Assistance to continue the exploration which I now have planned, which consists of 500ft of shaft to be sunk at three separate locations on said Claims, also 1000ft of tunnel and cross cut work to be done in connection there with.

This planned Mining Venture including Materials, Labor, Equiptment, and other Mining necessities pertainning there to will cost a total of $90140.00(Ninety Thousand one hundred and forty Dollars).

Please advise by return Mail concerning this inquiry as to the request made herein that FIRST SECURITY BANK of Vernal Ut.grant to me this loan of $90140.00 under reasonable terms and interest rates which I would be able to pay back in reasonable time;

Yours Truly
Bryant L. Roper

Bryant L. Roper
Rt-1
Box 251
Vernal Utah

Vernal Utah
March 25-66

Mr. Jack C. Turner
Basin Loans I.N.C;
Vernal Utah.

Dear Mr. Turner;

During this comming summer of 1966, I plan to do some expensive exploration work on the group of Mining Claims known as the Marcella #1, through the MARCELLA #6, Being on Record in the UINTAH COUNTYRECORDERS OFFICE at Vernal These Mining Claims are located on the dryfork Mt. about twenty miles north west from Vernal.

These Mining Claims have excellent Geological and Mineral bearing possibilities of being developed into producers of valuable Metalifferous ores and are complimented with a very prominent Mineralized outcroping suggestive of underlying values.

I have done considerable exploration work on these Mining Claims and now need Financial Assistance to continue the exploration which I now have planned, and consists of 500ft of shaft to be sunk at three separate locations on said Mining Claims, along with 1000ft of drift and cross cut work to be done in connection there with.

This planned venture including materials, Labor, Equiptment and other Mining necessities will cost a total of $90140.00. (ninety thousand one hundred and forty Dollars).

Please advise by return Mail concerning this inquiry as to the request made herein that BASIN LOANS Of Vernal Utah, grant to me the lean of $90140.00 under reasonable terms and interest rates which I would be able to pay back in reasonable time;

Yours Truly

Bryant L. Roper

Bryant L. Roper
Rt-1
Box 251
Vernal Utah;

Basin Loans, *Inc.*

74 East Main
Box 573
Phone 789-2123

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Jack C. Turner – President
Stanley A. Anderson – Sec. Treas.
Jack G. Turner – Collection Mgr.
Isla W. King – Office Mgr.

March 28, 1966

Bryant L. Roper
Rt. 1 Box 251
Vernal, Utah

Dear Bry:

Thank you for your letter dated March 25, 1966. We appreciate your inquiry for a loan of $90,140.00. We are sorry, however, that this is much too large an amount for us to advance and also the term would be limited to 36 months, so we must reject your request at this time.

N.C

If we can assist at a later time, please let us know.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

BASIN LOANS, INC.

Stan Anderson

Stan Anderson

SA:coa

EXHIBIT #1.

North

(#1) This represents a prospect shaft on #1,Claim, 20ft Deep;

(#2) This represents a prospect shaft on Claim #1, 30 ft deep and X-cutted 25ft West and 50ft North,

(#3) This represents a prospect shaft on Claim #1, 8ft deep.

(#4) This represents a Tunnell on Claim #1, 220ft advance at 70ft depth. West to East,

(#5) This represents a prospect shaft sunk to 10ft depth on Claim #1.

(#6) This represents a prospect shaft on Claim #2,sunk to a depth of 12ft.

(#7) This represents exploration work done on Claim #6, with Caterpillar and other equiptment.
Proposed Shaft #3

As a result of the prospect work accomplished to date, My findings are that the most likely location of the fracture and vein system is relative to the Claims as the green line is positioned on this Chart.

Claim #5

Claim #1.

Claim #3

Claim #2.

Claim #4

Claim #6

Proposed Shaft #2

(#8) This represents a prospect shaft on Claim #3, sunk to a depth of 16ft, and is known as Marcella Shaft #1.
Proposed Shaft #1

This chart & diagram represents all the development work done on the Marcella Mining Claims,inconnection with a complete system of roads and the excavation of material for the tunnel site plus much Geology work, Prospecting and sampling of which I, Bryant L. Roper of Vernal Utah have caused to be performed Dated this 25 day of March 1966,

Bryant L. Roper
Rt-1, Box 251
Vernal Utah

EXHIBIT #2.

EXPLORATION PLAN
For X-cut and Drifting

X-Cut size 5X7ft

X-cut and Drift in Shaft #1, 400ft

X-cut and Drift in Shaft #2, 400ft

X-cut and Drift in Shaft #3, 200ft

TOTAL X-cut 1000ft

All X-cut and Drift does not include Timber, Rails, or Tram Cars,

2-Men wages @ $20.00, eq--------$40.00 2-Men wages @ $22.50,-eq------- $45.00 ----Total $85.00	$ 85.00
Rental Compressor & Hammer 8hr,@ $4.00 P-Hr, eq $32.00	32.00
Rental Truck & Loader, 8hr @ $5.00 P-hr eq 40.00	40.00
2---Service vehicles -@,$1.25 P-hr ea,$10.00 per 8hrs,X-2 eq $20.00	20.00
Misc. Steel $4.00, Primers $3.00, Powder $10.00, gas for hoist $3.00 Diesel fuel $1.00, Oil $1.00, ----------Total ------	22.00
Insurance @ $4.12 per Payroll $100.00 eq--about $4.00 - - - - - - - - - - -	4.00
Per 5ft X-cut,advance 8hr shift, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - TOTAL-----	$ 203.00
X-cut Drift Per foot	40.60
Per 100ft $4600.00	
TOTAL 1000ft X-cut Drift - -	$46000.00

In Shaft #1, Shaft #2, & Shaft #3, Ea, I would need a station cut on the 50ft levels, extending 25ft from Shaft and would cost the same as the regular X-cut Drift per ft, - - - - - - - - - $40.60

Three stations ea,25ft total 75ft - - - - -	$ 3045.00
Total Station & Drift ---	$ 49045.00

EXHIBIT #3.

PLAN FOR SHAFT EXPLORATION

EX-#3

Shaft #1, Shaft #2, Shaft #3,

To be performed on MARCELLA Mining Claims #3,and #6,

All shaft excavations 5X8ft, Timbered to 4X7ft, 5ft sets.

Shaft #1, and Shaft #2, will be on Claim #1,and sunk 200ft deep each.
Shaft #3, to be on Claim ---------- #6,and sunk 100ft deep.

Cost,

Labor-- 2,shifts each 8hr (16hr) to complete each 5ft set,
4, Men per shift, 2 Men Labor $20.00 ea, -- eq $40.00 per shift X-2, eq --- $80.00
2 Men Labor $22.50 ea, -- eq $45.00 per shift X-2, eq--- $90.00

Timber 3-stulls, ea. 6ft. Total 18ft at 18¢ per ft. $3.24,
25 ft bracing .10¢ per ft 2.50 $ 170.00
2" Lagging for walls 160ft ea set,@ .8¢ 12.80
2" Lagging for ends 100ft ea set @ .8¢ 8.00

Timber per set---- $ 26.54 ---------- $ 26.54

Misc. Steel $4.00
Primers $3.00
Powder $10.00
Gas 3.00
D-fuel 1.00
Oil 1.00 ----------Total for Misc. ---------- $22.00
Rental Compressor & Hammer.$4.00 per hr. $32.00 per 8hr shift,2shift 16hr-- $ 64.00
Truck & Loader $5.00 per hr,$40.00 day X-2 eq $80.00 $ 80.00

8 - Lights Rental or purchase?, $1.00 per shift,Total $2.00,carried below $ 166.00
2 --- Service Vehicles $ 1.25 per hr, X-2,eq $2.50 per hr, $20.00 per day X-2 --- $40.00
Lights 2.00

? Insurance.$4.12 for each $100.00 of pay roll, per day about $4.00X-2
? Libility . about $25.00 per yr. 8.00

Cost per 5ft----- TOTAL --- $438.54
Cost per ft ---- $87.70

Cost for 500ft of Shaft-- TOTAL -- $43854.00

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Other necessary items and their estimated cost.

Item	Approximate Cost
Hoist - - - - - - - - - - - -	$200.00
Derrick - - - - - - - - - - - -	$100.00
Shed - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1000.00
2-Wheel Barrows - - - - - - - -	$75.00
6-Shovels - - - - - - - - - - -	$30.00
6-Picks - - - - - - - - - - - -	$24.00
3-Bars - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 9.00
Pipe --200ft of 2" - - - - - - -	$150.00
Pipe --200ft of 3/4" - - - - - - - -	$40.00
6-Axes - - - - - - - - - - -	$25.00
Cable -- 250ft, @ .35¢ ft,	$90.00
Fan & Engine	$100.00
Ventilation tubing 400ft, @ 40¢ft	$160.00
Safety Equipment	$50.00
Rubber Clothing	$50.00
Insurance $4.12 per $100.00 payroll	$100.00
Setting up each location (3) - - - -	$300.00
Mechanical & Welding service	$200.00
TOTAL- - - -	$2663.00

Exhibit-#5

APPLICATION
Information

1#
A------- Evidence herewith submitted

B------- None

C------- I have several Friends who desire to work for me for interest in the property.
I will be able to get some assistance from the First Security Bank,at Vernal.

2#
A------- I own said Mining Claims and property.
There is no Lease or leins on said property.

B------- The Property consists of six (6) Mining Claims only (unpatented).
There is no additional Lands I wish to explore.
The only name associated with this property and Mining Claims is the MARCELLA MINING CLAIMS.

C------- NONE.

3#
A ---- - These Claims and property have never produced commercial Ores.
Please refer to Exhibit #1.

B ------ I done all the exploration work,Prospecting, Road Construction,and excavating that has been performed upon said Mining Claims.

C------- There has been no production from said Mining Claims.

D ------ There is no known Ore reserves,
The occurence of Ore Materials would most likely occur in Vein form.

E ------ Please refer to Exhibit #1, and letter of explination.

F ------ Please refer to letter of explination sent herewith.
On these Mining Claims strewn over a large area there lies an abundance of outcropping vein matrix highly saturate with oxidized Ore materials, along with much Chrystaline silica and quartz intermixed with an abundance of shattered broken fragaments of intruded rock and gangue materials highly variegated,and well defined and so positioned that it is discernable for more than one thousand feet constituting the apex of a ridge and containning minimal amounts of Silver, NICKEL, Manganese, Iron, Zinc, Gold,Copper,Lead, Arsenic and likely some Cassiterite,

G -------I have no Engineering or Geologic reports .
I have no assay returns.

4#

A ------O.M.E. Represanitive will be met by Bryant L. Roper, Rt-1, Box 251 Vernal Utah, and directed to said property,

B------ Said Property is located about twenty miles north west from Vernal Utah, on the Dryfork Mountain, An access road takes off from the Red Cloud Loop Road and extends about one mile southward onto said Mining Claims.

5#

A ----- Please refer to Exhibit #2, and #3,

B ----- I have an access road onto the Property, Said road does need some improvment work done with a grader, my estimate is about $200.00.

C ----- Work would start immediately if contract was executed when there was not a snow problem, within two weeks,

6#

A ----- I have devoted some forty years to Mining and have had many years of experience in hard rock Mining such as concerned herewith.

7#

A------ I plan no independent Contracts.

B----- -No these services are not available, Nor have I made any provision for them in this application, Recently I inquired of a Geologist Mr. Cleo Bascum. of Baker Oregon who had visited said property on several occasions concerning the cost of having a Geological Transcript compiled concerning said Claims and he indicated that Geologic service cost about $100.00 per day and would take about five days to compile, I feel that the cost of Consultants for Geologic and engineering service is excessive, but I would like to discuss the matter with the Represenative of O.M.E. and if you feel it is necessary to employ such I will find in favor also. as pertainning to supervision I will supply it.

C------ Please refer to exhibit #3, and #4.

D------ Please refer to Exhibit #3.

E-------Re-pairing about 15ft of shaft, $200.00
Building Hoist - - - - - - - - - - $200.00
Road repairs - - - - - - - - - - - $200.00 The Road repairs is not absolutely essential,

F----- I planned one Building 24X20ft,constructed from 2X4 studding and walled with corregated metal, no floor,

1700 sq ft metal @ .13½¢ft --	$225.50
Cement footer--	175.00
2"Lumber 13¢ ft	130.00
1" Sheathing 9¢ft	60.00
Nails	
Quoted cost of Bldg,	$690.28,

This seemed to be an excessive cost and I plan to provise some thing more efficient yet suitable.

APPLICATION
Information

Cont'd
7#
F------No other Buildings planned

G------Please refer to Exhibit #3.for rental & maintainance of equipment
Please refer to Exhibit #2. for employees insurance
Accounting and Book keeping about $60.00 per month

INFORMATION FROM OFFICE OF UINTAH COUNTY RECORDER --Vernal Utah

Marcella #1, Entry 52941 Book B-10 - Page 501 - Aug 11-1953

Marcella #2, Entry 52949 Book B-10 Page 503 - Aug-11-1953

Marcella #3, Entry 52950 Book B-10 - Page 505 - Aug 11-1953

Marcella #4, Entry # 103625, Book 330, Page 479, Aug.11, 1964;

Marcella #5, Entry # 103626, Book 330, Page 480, Aug.11, 1964;

Marcella #6, Entry # 109591, Book 330, Page 577, Mar.25, 1966;

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November 16, 1966

Memorandum

To: The File

From: R. M. Smith, Office of Minerals Exploration

Subject: OME-6556 (Silver-Nickel-Manganese-Gold)
Bryant L. Roper
Marcella Group of Claims
Uintah County, Utah

The Applicant has not replied to our letter of October 17, 1966.

Accordingly, the subject docket is referred to the inactive file and considered as having been withdrawn.

R M Smith

R. M. Smith

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Mr. Bryant L. Roper
Rt. 1, Box 251
Vernal, Utah

OCT 17 1966

Re: OME-6556 (Silver-Nickel-Manganese-Gold)
Bryant L. Roper
Marcella Group of Claims
Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Roper:

On June 17, 1966, we requested additional information which is necessary for the processing of your application.

If you need additional time to prepare this information, please let us know. If we do not receive a reply from you within thirty days from the date of this letter, we must assume that you are no longer interested in proceeding with your application and we shall consider it as having been withdrawn.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
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Mr. Bryant L. Roper
Rt. 1, Box 251
Vernal, Utah

AUG 2 1966

Re: OME-6556 (Silver-Nickel-Manganese-Gold)
Bryant L. Roper
Marcella Group of Claims
Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Roper:

We have had no reply to our letter of June 17, 1966, to you, concerning additional information needed to continue the processing of the subject application. Will you be kind enough to advise us when we may expect to receive the information.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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AIRMAIL

JUN 17 1966

Mr. Bryant L. Roper
Rt. 1, Box 251
Vernal, Utah

Re: OME-6556 (Silver-Nickel-Manganese-Gold)
Bryant L. Roper
Marcella Group of Claims
Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Roper:

Thank you for your letter of May 28, 1966, informing us of your current work on the property, and the enclosed financial statement and Lien and Subordination Agreements.

Your offer to resample the scattered gossan material and submit assay certificates is appreciated, but we doubt that such assays would materially strengthen the application. However, assays of gossan material in place in the veins that may be discovered by your current work would assist greatly in our review, and will be necessary before we could justify a field examination by the OME Field Officer. If mineralized material in place is found, you should describe the occurrences, type of deposit, ore minerals, and sampling methods, and illustrate on a map or sketch the location of all samples taken.

Submittal of additional information should not be construed as committing the Government to authorize a field examination or to grant an exploration contract. We wish you the best of success in your present prospecting, and will hold your application in our active files pending receipt of the results.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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MME Form 52
Jan. 1959

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF MINERALS EXPLORATION

FOR GOVERNMENT USE ONLY
Operator
Docket No. OME –
Contract No. 14-23-090 –
Contract Date

LIEN AND SUBORDINATION AGREEMENTS[1]

To the United States of America:

That certain land in the County of UINTAH, State of Utah,

described as follows:[2] MARCELLA MINING CLAIM GROUP, Located about twenty miles North and West from Vernal Utah on the Dry Fork Mt. area; Marcell #1, Entry 52948, Book Z10 Page 501, Aug.11,1953; Marcella #2, Entry 52949, Book Z-10, Page 503, Aug.11,1953 Marcella #3, Entry 52950, Book Z-10, Page 505, Aug. 11,1953, Marcella #4, Entry 103625 Book 330, Page 479, Aug.11,1964, Marcella#5, Entry 103626, Book 330, Page 480, Aug.11,64. MARCELLA #6, Entry 109591, Book 330, Page 577, March 25,1966.

hereinafter called the "land", is the subject of a proposed exploration contract, hereinafter called the "Contract", between the United States of America, hereinafter called the "Government" and

CLYDE L. BURNS[3]

hereinafter called the "Operator". In consideration for and as an inducement to the Government executing the Contract, the undersigned:

1. (a) Being the owner of an interest in the land, hereby grants to the Government a lien upon all of his right, title, and interest in the land and upon any production of minerals therefrom to secure the payment to the Government of the royalty on production provided for by the Contract, and agrees if the Operator's interest should be surrendered or terminated at any time prior to the expiration of the rights of the United States under said Contract to pay royalty to the Government according to the terms of said Contract; or

(b) Being the holder of a claim, lien, or encumbrance against the land, hereby subordinates his claim, lien, or encumbrance in or against the land and in any production therefrom to the rights of the Government under the Contract with respect to royalty on production and liens to secure same.[4]

2. Undertakes and agrees that property in which the Government may acquire an interest or equity under the Contract may be dismantled, severed from the land, and removed as may be provided in the Contract; and the Government's interest and equity in such property shall be prior and superior to any adverse right or claim of the undersigned.

3. Represents and undertakes that there is no claim, lien, or encumbrance upon the undersigned's right, title, claim, or interest in or against the land other than the following: (If "none" insert the word "none". Do not leave blank.)

NONE

1/ Production from the land is not required, and in the absence of production there is no obligation to pay royalty to the Government.

2/ Either (a) insert the legal description of the land, or (b) strike out the words "as follows" and insert "in a lease /or contract, deed, or other document/ dated _____, and recorded in Book _____, Page ____, official records of said county". If (b) is used, the book and page of recordation must be inserted above. If the space provided is insufficient, use an Annex and refer to the Annex in the space. All descriptions listed above;

3/ Insert name exactly as it appears in the Application MME Form 40.

4/ Subparagraph 1(a) does not apply to the holder of a claim, lien, or encumbrance.

4. Undertakes and agrees (a) neither to commit any act nor assert any claim in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement; and (b) to give advance notice of the Government's rights under this agreement to any subsequent transferee, mortgagee, encumbrancer, or lessee of any of the undersigned's right, title, claim, or interest in or against the land or any production therefrom, furnishing the Government with two true copies of such notice; and

5. Consents to all amendments (including an agreement of termination) and assignments of the Contract without notice thereof, and undertakes and agrees that this agreement shall extend and apply thereto.

6. Added provisions NONE (State "None" or "See Annex No. ____".)

Dated this 28 day of May, 19 66.

Clyde L Burns (Seal) Rt-1, Vernal Utah (Street) (City & State)

(Seal) (Street) (City & State)

(Seal) (Street) (City & State)

(Seal) (Street) (City & State)

(Seal) (Street) (City & State)

(Seal) (Street) (City & State)

I, _____ (Name), certify that I am the _____ (Title—Secretary, etc.) of the corporation named herein; that _____ (Name), who signed this agreement was then President (Title—Pres., Vice-Pres., etc.) of said corporation; that said agreement was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and was within the scope of its corporate powers.

_____ (Corporate Seal)

VERNAL UTAH
May 28,1966

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Mr. Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Mineral Exploration.

Re: OME-6556

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In reference to your Letter of May 11,1966. Since receiving your Letter I have visited said Mining Claims and at your suggestion have reassesed the plan for exploring same, I made inquiry concerning the possibility of drilling but found it to be nonfeasable as it would cost $15.00 per hr. and I furnish all bits, with no guarantee what so ever as to footage drilled. I made inquiry also as to trenching but a caterpillar type tractor of the D-8 size will cost $35.00 per hr. with a dozer and ripper plus the fact that I had a D-6, try it one time and it failed to do the job, Therefore I submit the following plan which I believe to be best to explore said Mining Claims,exposing the structure sufficiently to determine their possibilities.

Said plan suggests to sink Shaft #1, being on Claim #3, being item #8,on exhibit #1, To a depth of 50ft, (it is now 16ft) plus 6ft,for sumpage and skip room, making a total of 40ft of shaft to be sunk at a cost of $87.70 per ft. a total cost of $ 3508.00, for 40ft, Said Shaft to be complimented with 150ft. of cross cut drift, at a cost of $ 40.60 per ft, Total cost of $6090.00,for 150ft. Total for shaft and cross cut $9598.00.

Part two of this plan proposes to sink shaft #3,on Claim #6, shown as item #7, on exhibit #1, to a depth of 50ft, at a cost of $87.70 per ft. Total 50ft, $4385.00, To be complimented with 150ft of drift and cross cut at a cost of $ 40.60 per ft, Total 150 ft $ 6090.00, Shaft and drift Total $ 10475.00.

Grand Total---$20073.00.

Therefore I submit this Letter as an application of formal request to the Office of Mineral Exploration for assistance amounting to $ 20073.00 for exploration work to be performed on the Marcella group of Mining Claims of Uintah County Utah only.

I submit herewith the financial statement which you requested.

Under this revised plan I will have only one Partner, The lien and subordination agreement is enclosed herewith.

This revised plan will eliminate all suggested Buildings, Road repairs, and the purchase of tools and other suggested materials, excepting the rental on Compressor, Truck and loader which is figured inconnection herewith.

I havent the Assay reports from the Samples taken from the mantle debris of said Claims, but if you request such I will be glad to take samples and submit the reports to you, it would likely take about two weeks.

I will be working on said Claims during the next two weeks, my plan is to make contact with and expose the vein structure, fracture zone, and the intrusivies or what so ever might constitute the source of the mantle outcrop material.which I believe not to be more than fifty feet from #1,shaft. however due to the thickness and the condition of the overburden and its excessive qualities of porosity, I believe it would tend to continiously feed the subtrennian area with a constant flow of migrating metoric surface water sufficient to oxidize any sulphides that it might encounter, leaching them and carrying the values to greater depths and leaving a highly leached zone deprived of its values which might possibly extend downward one hundred and fifty feet in places due to the lack of a possible water table nearer to the surface or related to a higher more elevated horrizon which appears to be geologically impossible due to the position that it is presently situated.

Realizing that if I am fortunate in discovering a vein system,or other geological features it will transform the nature of this venture from one of prospecting to exploration.

As pertainning to shaft #3, on Claim #6, Item #7, Exhibit #1, being also part of this plan, I wish to state that it is not a prospect but exploration as it has very little overburden and every thing seems to be undisturbed and still in place, I plan to do some work on this part of the project during the next few days hopeing to expose sufficient of the structure so as to make determinations as to its possibilities of producing valuable Ores,

Under this revised plan I will be able to meet all necessary expences each month untill the OME reimbursees me with their part;

Hopeing this meets your approval and that I am fortunate in being visited soon by a represenative from the Office of OME. with whom I will be able to visit said Mining Claims;

Thanking you for the interest shown.

Bryant L. Roper

Bryant L. Roper
Rt-1,
Box 251.
Vernal Utah.

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AIRMAIL

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Mr. Bryant L. Roper
Rt. 1, Box 251
Vernal, Utah

Re: OME-6556 (Silver-Nickel-Manganese-Gold)
Bryant L. Roper
Marcella Group of Claims
Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Roper:

Preliminary review of your application for financial assistance in a $95,562 shaft-sinking and crosscutting project on the referenced claims indicates that the purpose of the proposed work is to find the location of possible veins that have yielded low grade gossan material which is scattered over a wide area.

The OME does not participate in preliminary work to obtain geological information. This type of work is considered to be prospecting rather than exploration of a specific target. Unless you could submit additional information to indicate that the existence of the veins is known, and submit assay certificates to support the identification of metals in the veins, we would have no choice but to deny your application.

If you can furnish this information, we can proceed with the processing of your application, but considerably more information will then be required on Items 1, 2, and 5, as requested in the application form.

1. Financial Eligibility

(c) Under this item you indicate that you expect to borrow some of the money from one of the banks that denied your request for a loan of $90,140.00. In view of your A-1 credit rating, we would require a recent financial statement to establish your financial eligibility under the OME regulations.

For your information, 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

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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 two months. Thereafter, normally, reimbursement is received by an operator at monthly intervals.

2. Applicant's Rights in Land

(c) Although you are the present sole owner, you plan to assign an interest in the property in return for labor to help finance your share of the costs. Lien and Subordination Agreements are required from all persons other than an operator who own an interest in the land. A set of these Agreements is enclosed for your possible use. In lieu of the Agreements, the application could be submitted by a partnership in which case two copies of a Partnership Agreement should be furnished.

5. Exploration Work

(c) If the surface showings are sufficient to justify an exploration project, please give us your views on the feasibility of trenching and/or drilling and whether such a program might yield more information at less cost.

This request for additional information should not be construed as a commitment by the Government to grant an exploration contract. We shall hold the further processing of your application until the requested data are received.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

Enclosures

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OME Reading File
Mr. Smith
Region III

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May 2, 1966

Mr. Bryant L. Roper
Rt - 1, Box 251
Vernal, Utah

Subject: OME - 6556

Dear Mr. Roper:

Your application for exploration assistance, dated April 4, 1966, submitted to our office at Denver, Colorado, has been assigned Docket No. OME-6556.

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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