

JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM

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NAME OF PLACE: ABSA GANDHI SQUARE

Photograph: Catharina JM Bruwer.

Above: View of the south elevation of the Absa Building.

Previous/alternative name/s : United Building Society Building

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LOCATION: Street : bounded by Fox, Eloff, New Street North, Joubert
 Street number :
 : (114, 116, 118, 120 Fox; 47, 49 Eloff;
 : 11, 13, 15, 17 New Street North; 16, 18 Joubert)
 Stand Number : 1225
 Previous Stand Number: 989
 Block number : BJ
 Suburb : Marshallstown
 GIS reference :

ZONING: Current use/s :
 Previous use/s :

DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:

Height :
Levels above street level :
Levels below street level :
On-site parking :

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Walls:

Roof:

Windows:

SITE FEATURES:

ALTERATIONS:

INTEGRITY:

INSCRIPTION:

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

CONSTRUCTION DATE:

Date on plans :
Approval of plans :
Completion date :

BUILDING STYLE:

BUILDING TYPE:

ENVIRONMENT:

CONDITION:

URGENT ACTION:

SAHRA RECORD REGARDING ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, RESTORATION:

PROTECTION STATUS: (under National Heritage Resources Act, 1999)

- General protection: Section 34(1) structure/s
- Formal protection: provincial heritage site
- national heritage site
- provisional protection
- heritage area
- listed in provincial heritage resources register

Relevant Gazette Notice:

Gazette description:

FORMER PROTECTION STATUS: (under National Monuments Act, 1969)

NOTES:

DEEDS INFORMATION:

Original ownership: ABSA Bank Ltd.
Registration Date: 1945-02-12
Document: T1247/1945
Amount:

PRE-HISTORY OF SITE:

HISTORY:

GENERAL NOTES:

Estimated cost of building :
Estimated cost of drainage :
Accommodation approved :
Valuation at completion :
Occupied :

PREVIOUS TENANT/S:

By 1954:

114 Fox – African Furnitre Mart
114 Fox – Gresham Action Mart
116 Fox – Mincer Motors Ltd.
118 Fox – Ross & Co. (Pty), Ltd., Cas.
120 Fox – Record Radio Co.
120 Fox – Barnabas & Co., Phillip.
49 Eloff – Gem Bazaars
49 Eloff – Gem Actioneering Mart
49 Eloff – Gem Cycle Co. (Chananie Bros.)
49 Eloff – Entrance to Adelaide Buildings
49c Eloff – “Memory” Florist
16 Joubert – Ashers Building
16 Joubert – Court Action Mart
18 Joubert – African furniture Mart

(The Rand-Pretoria Directory 1954 (Comprising Complete Alphabetical And Trades Directories of Johannesburg, Pretoria And Reef Towns), Cape Times Limited, Cape Town, 1954.)

CURRENT TENANT/S:

Absa Bank

SOURCES:

Published Sources

The Rand-Pretoria Directory 1954 (Comprising Complete Alphabetical And Trades Directories of Johannesburg, Pretoria And Reef Towns), Cape Times Limited, Cape Town, 1954.

Unpublished Sources

Plans records of surveyed buildings, Marshallstown and City of Johannesburg: Archives, Building Control, Development Management, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality.
Rand Township Registry Johannesburg.

ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Historic Value:

- Associated with historic person, group or organisation
- Associated with historic event or activity

Architectural/Aesthetic value:

- Important example of building type
- Important example of a style or period
- Fine details, workmanship or aesthetics
- Work of a major architect or builder

Social/Spiritual/Linguistic value:

- Associated with social, spiritual, linguistic, economic or political activity
- Illustrates an historical period

Scientific/Technological value:

- Example of industrial, technical or engineering development/achievement
- New, rare or experimental building techniques

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