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NAME OF PLACE: ANGLOVAAL HOUSE

Photograph: Catharina JM Bruwer.

Above: View of *Anglovaal House*; this photograph of the building was taken from the northeast corner of MacLaren and Main Streets; seen to the rear of the building, is the towering *Anglo Platinum Building*, in Marshall Street.

Previous/alternative name/s :
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LOCATION: Street : Main, MacLaren, Ferreira
 Street number : 56 Main
 (12, 14 Ferreira; 50, 52, 54, 56 Main; 5, 7 MacLaren)
 Stand Number : 1156
 Previous Stand Number: 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66
 Block number : BS
 Suburb : Marshallstown
 GIS reference :

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

DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:

Height : 227'
Levels above street level : ten
Levels below street level : one
On-site parking : yes
(CJMB)

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Walls: brick
Roof: flat, covered with asphalt

Windows:

Water Supply: municipal and borehole
(CJMB)

See electronic version of Survey Report for copies of the original building plans, including the following: Elevation to Main Street; Elevations to Maclaren and Ferreira Streets, and Sections FF and GG.
(CJMB)

SITE FEATURES:

Trees on pavement. (CJMB)

ALTERATIONS:

The main entrance to the building was altered to 'modernize' the building. (CJMB)

INTEGRITY:

The symmetrical proportion of the Main Street façade was destroyed with the design of a new entrance to the building. No consideration was given to follow the vertical lines of the original design, leaving the entrance unbalanced and divorced from the rest of the building. (CJMB)

INSCRIPTION:**ARCHITECT:**

Stucke, Harrison, Ritchie & Watson

Margo & Margo

Stucke & Harrison

'...the partnership between WH STUCKE and JE HARRISON in Bloemfontein from 1897, Harrison having joined Stucke's Bloemfontein office about 1894. Harrison ran the Bloemfontein office as Stucke & Harrison while Stucke ran the Johannesburg branch and head office from 1894. It seems that Harrison was responsible for the design of a number of buildings in Bloemfontein as Stucke & Harrison until about 1908. There was a break in the work of the practice for the period of the Anglo-Boer War. Although Harrison returned to Bloemfontein after the war, he left it and the partnership around 1908, returning to the partnership in 1910. The firm won the competition (1912) for the Great Synagogue in Wolmarans Street in Johannesburg but the commission went to Theo Schaerer who came third. After Stucke's death in 1931 Harrison continued the practice, admitting DIH SMAIL (cf STUCKE, HARRISON & SMAIL) into partnership in 1937. Harrison's son, GM HARRISON, was later admitted into the firm.'
(Architects In South Africa 1780 – 1940; Draft manuscript, J Walker & G M van der Waal, 1992, HSRC, Pretoria.)

BUILDER:**CONSTRUCTION DATE:**

Basement:
Date on plans :
Approval of plans : 29 November 1955
Completion date :

Building:
Date on plans : June 1955
Approval of plans : 11 January 1956
Completion date : 1958
(CJMB)

BUILDING STYLE:

Art Deco - Stripped Neo Classical

BUILDING TYPE:

Office building. (CJMB)



Above: Perspective of the building, c.1960, by G.A. Campbell (From Chipkin, C.M.: Johannesburg Style; Architecture & Society 1880s-1960s).

ENVIRONMENT:

CONDITION:

Good – as seen from the exterior. (CJMB)

URGENT ACTION:

SAHRA RECORD REGARDING ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, RESTORATION:

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

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| General protection: | Section 34(1) structure/s | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Formal protection: | provincial heritage site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | national heritage site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | provisional protection | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | heritage area | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | listed in provincial heritage resources register | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Relevant Gazette Notice:

Gazette description:

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

NOTES:

DEEDS INFORMATION:

Original ownership: Venture Building Trust Limited.

PRE-HISTORY OF SITE:

By 1954:

12, 14 Ferreira – Indians

50 Main – Polyfoto Ltd.

52 Main – Jacobson, H.

54 Main – Continental Garage

56 Main – “Tesla” Electrical Engineers

5 Maclaren – Reckitt & Colman (Pty.), Ltd.

7 Maclaren – Chananie’s Stove Store.

HISTORY:

See electronic version of Survey Report for an extract from Who’s Who of Southern Africa and Johannesburg 100 Years.

GENERAL NOTES:

Basement:

Estimated cost of building : £21 000.000

Building:

Estimated cost of building : £450 000.00

Estimated cost of drainage : £5 000.00

Accommodation approved : none

Valuation at completion : £450 000.00

Occupied : yes

(CJMB)

Information sourced from the internet in July 2006:

Name : Anglo Vaal House

Major Type : Offices

Sub Type : Office

Grade : X

Mandate : To Let

Street Address : 56 Main Street

Suburb : JOHANNESBURG

Total Gross Lettable Area : 3,865.48 m²

Total Available Gross Lettable Area : 3,865.48 m²

Description : 56 Main Street Johannesburg

Unit

Unit / Space Key : 43,498

Unit Name : 4th Floor Office 04

Rentable Area : 1,106 m²

Asking Gross Rental :R 44 / m² per month

Sub Type : Office

Mandate Type : To Let

Available From : 2006-02-01 00:00:00.000

Vacant : True

Unit Views : 911

Date Updated : 07 Feb 2006

Units

Space SubType Rentable Area Asking Gross Rental

4th Floor Office 04 Office 1106.00m² R44.00 m²

5th Floor Office 05 Office 1106.00m² R44.00 m²

6th Floor Office 06 Office 1106.00m/2 R44.00 m/2
Ground Level Office GR Office 547.48m/2 R45.00 m/2

More Info

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(<http://www.eprop.co.za/property/propertydetails.aspx?idBuilding=4393>)

PREVIOUS TENANT/S:

CURRENT TENANT/S:

SOURCES:

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Internet sources

<http://www.eprop.co.za/property/propertydetails.aspx?idBuilding=4393>

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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