# JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

## HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM

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Bank of Lisbon Building

| LOCATION: | Street<br>Street number<br>Stand number<br>Block number | :<br>:<br>: | Sauer<br>37, 39, 41, 43<br>5245 (previously 4577 and 336)<br>M |
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| ZONING:   | Current use/s<br>Previous use/s                         | :           | General/business one   |

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## **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE**

26 storeys; four basement levels.

## **CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:**

- Walls : reinforced concrete frame and glass.
- Roof : flat concrete.
- Windows: aluminium-framed.

## SITE FEATURES:

## **ALTERATIONS:**

#### **INTEGRITY:**

#### **INSCRIPTION:**

## **ARCHITECT/BUILDER:**

Gluckman, De Beer, Margoles & Partners

#### **CONSTRUCTION DATE:**

On plan : 1 December 1967 Completed :

## **BUILDING STYLE:**

Johannesburg Late Modernist (Urban Features).

## **BUILDING TYPE:**

Office building.

#### **ENVIRONMENT:**

Dominates the western approach to the Dr Beyers Naudé Square, as well as its immediate surroundings.

#### CONDITION:

Good.

## **URGENT ACTION:**

## SAHRA RECORD REGARDING ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, RESTORATION:

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

| General protection: | Section 34(1) structure/s                           |  |
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| Formal protection:  | provincial heritage site                            |  |
|                     | national heritage site                              |  |
|                     | provisional protection                              |  |
|                     | heritage area                                       |  |
|                     | listed in provincial heritage<br>resources register |  |
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Relevant Gazette Notice:

Gazette description:

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

#### NOTES:

#### **DEEDS INFORMATION:**

Original ownership: Presauer Development

T53941/1991 Liberty Life Assoc of Africa Ltd T53941/1991 Liberty Group Ltd

#### **PRE-HISTORY OF SITE:**

On the Market and Sauer Streets corner of this stand stood a corrugated iron structure with verandah by 1889, which was replaced by 1913 with a brick structure with large rectangular display windows. The architect for the shop front renovations was M.J. Harris and the owner Max Mitchel. By 1889 on one of the portions on Sauer Street between President and Market Streets, stood a one storey corrugated iron structure with verandah which remained unaltered until ca. 1918. On the site adjacent to it stood by 1889 a corrugated iron structure with a verandah. In ca. 1891 a single storey brick building with balustrade replaced the iron structure. At the corner of President and Sauer Streets, by 1889, was a corrugated iron structure with verandah. This corner site and the middle site next to it on Sauer Street, had by 1895, the Eloff Building built on it. This was a double storey building with neo-Queen Anne gable and ornament. Two large and one small neo-Dutch Renaissance gables and balustrade were the decorations. This building was owned by J Eloff and H. Lindhorst.

#### **HISTORY:**

#### **GENERAL NOTES:**

The building currently houses the Departments of Housing and Health of the Gauteng Provincial Government.

#### SOURCES:

Opname Historiese Geboue In Johannesburg, Second Report June 1976, Inner City, RAU

The Market Square Of Johannesburg: Catalogue of buildings on and around the square till about 1920 (Compiled by G.M. van der Waal), Public Library, Johannesburg, 1971

Johannesburg Building, Space & Urban Feature Classification, 1998: Inner City - Metropolitan Planning, Johannesburg Metropolitan Council (Cool Factory)

Registrar of Deeds, Johannesburg

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#### 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