

**JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY**

**HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM**

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**NAME OF PLACE: 60 MAIN STREET BUILDING**



Photograph: Catharina JM Bruwer.

Above: View of 60 Main Street Building in Main Street. (CJMB)

Previous/alternative name/s :  
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**LOCATION:** Street : bounded by Main, Marshall MacLaren and Sauer  
Street number : 60 Main  
: (58, 60, 62, 64 Main; 2, 4, 6, 8 MacLaren;  
57, 59, 61, 63 Marshall; 9, 11, 13, 15 Sauer)  
Stand Number : 893; 894; 895; 1/896; 901; 902; 903; 1/904  
Previous Stand Number:  
Block number : BT  
Suburb : Marshallstown  
GIS reference :

**ZONING:** Current use/s : offices  
Previous use/s : offices

**DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:**

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

**CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:**

Walls:

Roof:

Windows:

**SITE FEATURES:**

**ALTERATIONS:**

Plans of alterations / additions are not available.

**INTEGRITY:**

**INSCRIPTION:**

**ARCHITECT:**

Portal Partnership Incorporated

**BUILDER:**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE:**

Date on plans :  
Approval of plans : basement 13 July 1987  
  building – 11 November 1987  
Completion date : 1988

**BUILDING STYLE:**

**BUILDING TYPE:**

**ENVIRONMENT:**

**CONDITION:**

The exterior of the building appears to be in good condition. (CJMB)

**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

Relevant Gazette Notice:

Gazette description:

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

**NOTES:**

**DEEDS INFORMATION:**

Original ownership: Mine Officials & Employees Pension Fund  
P.O. Box 61172  
Marshallstown  
2107

**PRE-HISTORY OF SITE:**

**HISTORY:**

'Mining Main Street  
Neil Fraser  
February 23, 2004

"60 Main Street is a much more recent building erected in 1988. The building was built on an historic piece of ground, the site of the Marshall Street police station. The original buildings were, sadly, demolished by the Council and the site used for parking for a number of years. The vacant site was put out to tender by the Council and the development awarded to the Mines Pension Fund, the project having been put together by John Penny, with the legal practice of Webber Wentzel as the main tenant. The odd U-shaped footprint of the project was a requirement of the Council at the time evidently believing that it was creating an open plaza for public use, but this was never successful. The development was later purchased by Gensec and, when Webber Wentzel deserted the city for northern pastures, the building stood largely vacant. It was more recently sold to a new investor and is currently undergoing extensive renovations prior to being occupied in April by Anglo Platinum, a major mining corporation. The building's original architects, Portal Partnership Inc, are also handling the renovations and are the architects responsible for the overall Main Street Mall design."  
([http://www.joburg.org.za/citichat/2004/feb23\\_citichat.stm](http://www.joburg.org.za/citichat/2004/feb23_citichat.stm))

**GENERAL NOTES:**

Estimated cost of building	: R4 866 000.00
Estimated cost of drainage	: R20 6000.00
Accommodation approved	: none
Valuation at completion	:
Occupied	:

PREVIOUS TENANT/S:

CURRENT TENANT/S:

**SOURCES:**

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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

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