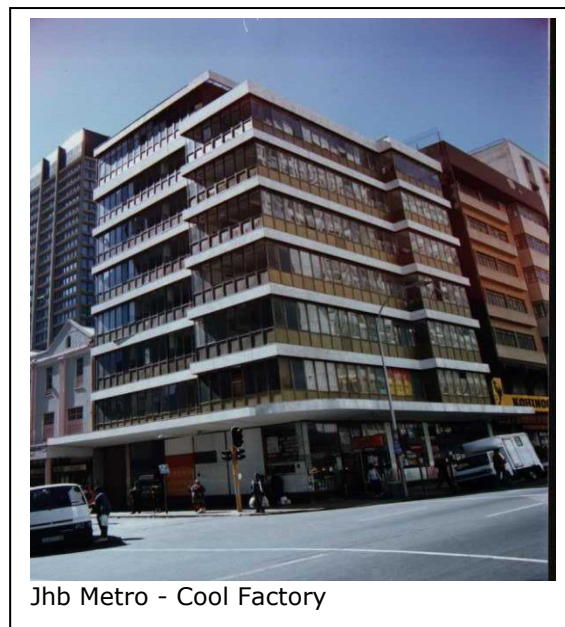


JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM

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NAME OF PLACE: Advisor House



Previous/alternative name/s : King's Chambers (1976 reference)
(In 1976 with change of ownership, the building became known as Advisor House)

LOCATION: Street : Commissioner
Street number : 49
Stand number : 239 (previously 864)
Block number : B

ZONING: Current use/s : General
Previous use/s : Warehouse, shops and offices

DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:

Building originally comprised shops on ground floor and offices on top floors.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Walls :

Roof : flat, concrete.

Windows: steel frame.

SITE FEATURES:

ALTERATIONS:

Three new storeys added.

Architect : Gliksman, Dirksen & Amson

Plans passed : 30 November 1949

Two new storeys added.

Architect : Gliksman, Dirksen & Amson

Plans passed : 18 April 1950

Precast terrazzo facing and steelplates added to all storeys; new balustrade added to roof; a car lift was also installed.

Architect : Morgenson & Morgenson

Plans passed : 1967

INTEGRITY:

INSCRIPTION:

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

Gliksman, Dirksen & Amson



CONSTRUCTION DATE:

Plans passed : 7 September 1949

Completed : 21 February 1953



BUILDING STYLE:

Late Modernist. (Urban Features)

BUILDING TYPE:

Multi-storey light industrial. (Urban Features)

ENVIRONMENT:

The building is 'dominated' by the scale and height of the Life Centre and in turn has no relationship with its gabled neighbour in Kort Street. It stands somewhat separate in height and design features from its Commissioner Street neighbours.

CONDITION:

The buildings appears somewhat abandoned; most of the floors seem vacant.

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: Kings Chambers Pty Ltd (Mr L A I King)

By 1976: E.S. Rorke

T7378/1961 Kings Chambers Pty Ltd
B2293/1969 Syfrets Mortgage Nominees Ltd

HISTORY:**GENERAL NOTES:**

Estimated cost of building £8,000 and drainage £400. On completion, the building was valued at £40,000. Accommodation for three 'Non-Europeans' was approved.

SOURCES:

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

City Engineering Department, Stand No. 239, Township Johannesburg (Planning Dept., City of Johannesburg)

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