

JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM

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NAME OF PLACE: 'Commercial Trading Co. Building'



Previous/alternative name/s :

LOCATION: Street : Market
Street number : 39
Stand number : 318 (originally 619)
Block number : N

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



DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:

This single storey building is situated between two highly decorated buildings, giving the impression that the plain pedimented gable came an afterthought. The entrance is placed of centre and the cloth fabric is typical of the Diagonal 'environment'. (cjmb)

"Although not an outstanding building. It does nevertheless re-inforce the prevalence of this type of single-storey pedimented style of building." (NMC statement, 1988)

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Walls : plastered brick.

Roof : mono-pitch, corrugated iron.

Windows: aluminium shop front to street.

SITE FEATURES:

ALTERATIONS:

No documentation in respect of alterations/additions to this building, could be found.

INTEGRITY:

The glazed aluminium shop fronts would originally have been of timber. The display sign detracts somewhat from the appreciation of the building; it does not respect the architectural features and the visual qualities of the building.

INSCRIPTION:

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

CONSTRUCTION DATE:

On plan :
Completed :
(Original plans are not on record.)

BUILDING STYLE:

BUILDING TYPE:

Single shop to street.



ENVIRONMENT:

The building fits in nicely with the neighbouring buildings in scale and form. The cloth canopy gives the building that 'special' Diagonal Street appeal.

CONDITION:

Good.

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 checked="" 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:

By 1988: Aboo Surtee Family Trust Pty Ltd

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HISTORY:**GENERAL NOTES:**

The name of the building has been difficult to ascertain. No documentation could be found to indicate a possible name. The building's name is not known by the tenants, neither could they furnish information on the building. The choice of the name 'Commercial Trading Co. Building' follows from the display sign on the main elevation of the building.

SOURCES:

NMC File 3/1/3/Joh/111 : App. Diagonal Street Conservation Area Johannesburg (including colour photograph)

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