

JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM

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NAME OF PLACE: Elizabeth House and Hotel



Jhb Metro - Cool Factory

Previous/alternative name/s : Elizabeth Hotel and Chambers
Elizabeth Hotel

LOCATION: Street : Pritchard
Street number : 16, 18
Stand number : 747, 745 (previously 1632, 1634)
Block number : P

ZONING: Current use/s : Business one
Previous use/s :

DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:

One basement level; ground floor; cantilevered canopy; eight floors; roof, stepped back; flattened corner.

The building is divided into two sections, the Elizabeth House is strictly an office building and the hotel section is self explanatory; ground, and first floor with pub and restaurant.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Walls : reinforced concrete; clad with polished ivory and maroon granite panels.

Roof : flat, concrete.

Windows: steel frame.

Column: single column on corner with patterned mosaic tiles.

SITE FEATURES:**ALTERATIONS:**

Not all of the documentation in respect of alterations/additions to this building, could be found.

Internal alterations and new stair for Legal Resources Centre on the third floor.

On plan : 10 September 1992

Architect : G. Gordon Associate Architects

Internal alterations for Legal Resources Centre on the eight floor. Estimated cost R 160 000.

On plan : no date

Architect : Gerald Gordon

Plans passed : 5 October 1992

INTEGRITY:**INSCRIPTION:****ARCHITECT/BUILDER:**

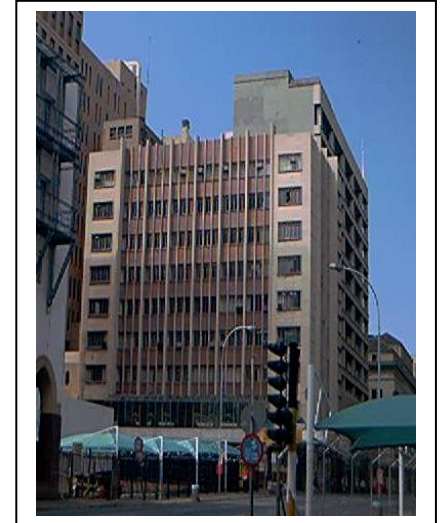
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CONSTRUCTION DATE:

On plan : 25 April 1952
Completed :
The original plans of the building could not be found.

BUILDING STYLE:**BUILDING TYPE:**

Office and hotel building.

**ENVIRONMENT:**

Of very limited contextual value. (RAU Report, June 1976)

This building is older than the buildings in its immediate vicinity, and somehow seems to have been left behind in time. None of the other buildings were designed to stand in harmony with this building.

CONDITION:

Needs attention, replacement of broken windows and a new coat of paint.

The entrance from Pritchard Street to the offices seems not be in use currently and sections of this part of the building appear to be vacant.

URGENT ACTION:**SAHRA RECORD REGARDING ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, RESTORATION:****PROTECTION STATUS:** (under National Heritage Resources Act, 1999)

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: Selbro House Pty Ltd

G6/1956 Selbro House Pty Ltd

PRE-HISTORY OF SITE:

On the corner site of this stand stood by 1920 the Arundel Hotel.

HISTORY:

GENERAL NOTES:

SOURCES:

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

Van Der Waal, G-M.: From Mining Camp to Metropolis, The buildings of Johannesburg 1886-1940, Chris Van Rensburg Publications, 1987

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