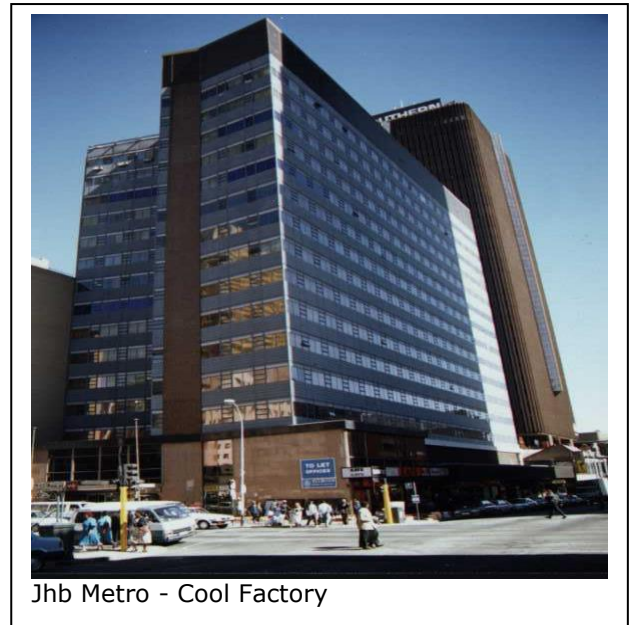
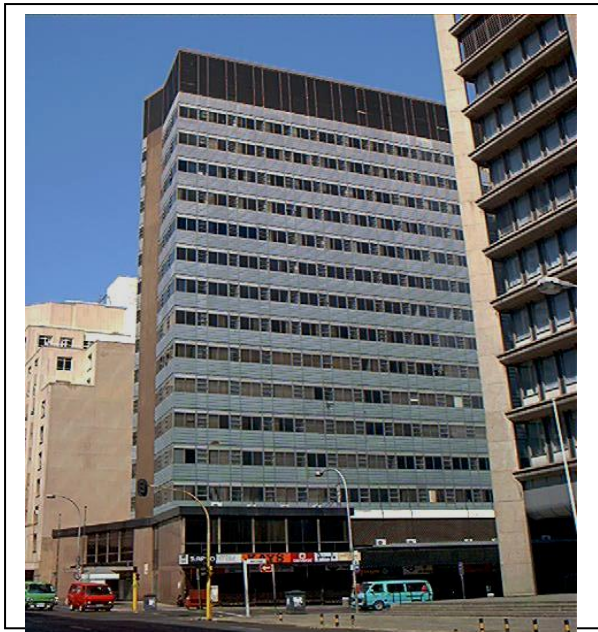


JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM

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NAME OF PLACE: First National City Bank



Jhb Metro - Cool Factory

Previous/alternative name/s : Citibank Centre (1970 reference)
: First National Bank Place (1995 reference)

LOCATION: Street : Sauer
Street number : 33, 35
Stand number : 4661 (previously 731-735)
Block number : B

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

DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:

16 Storeys; no basement.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Walls : reinforced concrete construction; clad with dark brown aluminium sheeting and glass (terrazzo finish and bronzed metal louvers).

Roof : flat, concrete.

Windows: aluminium frame.

Refer GENERAL NOTES.

SITE FEATURES:**ALTERATIONS:**

Addition of storerooms in basement.

Architects : Nurcombe, Summerley, Ringrose & Todd

Plans passed : 1968

Installation of internal partitions.

Architects : Nurcombe, Summerley, Ringrose & Todd

Plans passed : 1970

Alterations / additions to offices.

Architects : Nurcombe, Summerley, Ringrose & Todd

Plans passed : 1972

Various alterations / additions (including new steel fire escape stair from ground to first floor, built onto west wall of the vehicle entrance in Market Street) and to shopfronts.

Architects : Rinaldi, Macdonald & Partners

Plans passed : 1977

Internal alterations to 11th floor.

Architects : Rinaldi, Macdonald & Partners

Plans passed : 1981

INTEGRITY:

The building has retained its integrity from the point of view that changes to this building have been minimal and have not affected the appearance of the building.

INSCRIPTION:

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

Nurcombe, Summerley, Ringrose & Todd

CONSTRUCTION DATE:

Plans passed : 1965

Completed :



BUILDING STYLE:

BUILDING TYPE:

Office building with shops at ground floor.

ENVIRONMENT:

The building forms part of a group of tall buildings west of the Dr. Beyers Naudé, and together with the new Parkade, overpowers smaller buildings in the vicinity.

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

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:

Charkay Properties (Pty) Ltd bought the site in 1964.

T41918/1991 Momentum Prop Inv Pty Ltd

PRE-HISTORY OF SITE:

On the corner of this site, originally stood a one storey corrugated iron structure with a verandah (1889). In the 1890s this was replaced by a low brick structure. By 1900, on the site next to it facing Market Street, was the entrance to the Rosenberg Arcade.

HISTORY:

The estimated cost of the building was R1 250 00.00 and the drainage R16 000.00.

GENERAL NOTES:

In a letter dd. 29 January 1965 to the City Engineer, the following was stated in regard to the proposed method of construction of the building: "The design of this building is unique in its construction in that the entire elevations and external walls will be fabricated in one factory - Mr. Vincent's factory. These walls will be delivered to the site in panels...and will be complete with external and internal finish, the windows completely glazed, electrical heaters and ducts for telephone cables etc. Once the units have been hoisted into position, and bolted to the concrete framework, the work will be complete."

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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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