JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM

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NAME OF PLACE: FRENCH HOUSE



Photograph: Catharina JM Bruwer.

Above: View of the building, corner Marshall and Ferreira Streets. Note the sign on the Ferreira

Street façade, advertising the new apartments. (CJMB)

Previous/alternative name/s : French Bank of Southern Africa Ltd.

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LOCATION: Street : Marshall, Ferreira and Anderson

Street number : 50 Marshall

: (50, 52, 54 Marshall; 4, 6 Ferreira; 13 14, 17 Anderson)

Stand Number : 1084

Previous Stand Number:

Block number : CI

Suburb : Marshallstown

GIS reference :

ZONING: Current use/s :

Previous use/s :

CI-1 1

DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:

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

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Walls:

Roof:

Windows:

SITE FEATURES:

ALTERATIONS:

The interior of the building is currently being converted to apartment. (CJMB)

INTEGRITY:

From an inspection of the exterior of the building, the integrity of the original design and materials used in the construction of the facades appears to be high. (CJMB)

INSCRIPTION:

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

CONSTRUCTION DATE:

Date on plans : Approval of plans :

Completion date : c. 1954

BUILDING STYLE:

Art Deco - Monolithic

Workmanship of Merit, Contributes to Area's Character: "Part of the Mining House Precinct. Well built and finished."

(Johannesburg Building, Space & Urban Feature Classification, 1998: Inner City).

BUILDING TYPE:

Originally designed as an office block; currently being converted to a residential building. (CJMB)

ENVIRONMENT:

CONDITION:

This building is currently vacant and being converted to apartment units. (CJMB)

URGENT ACTION:

The owners should be requested not to remove the brass lettering of the name of the building, as was done with the *Union Corporation Building* CH-2). The lettering is part of the layered history of the building. (CJMB)

SAHRA RECORD REGARDING ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, RESTORATION:

PROTECTION STATU	S: (under National Heritage	Resources Act, 1999)	
General protection:	Section 34(1) structure/s		
Formal protection:	provincial heritage site		
	national heritage site		
	provisional protection	П	
	heritage area	П	
	listed in provincial heritage resources register		
Relevant Gazette Notice:			
Gazette description:			
FORMER PROTECTIO	N STATUS: (under National	Monuments Act, 1969)	
NOTES:			
DEEDS INFORMATIO	N:		
Original ownership:			
PRE-HISTORY OF SI	TE:		
HISTORY:			
GENERAL NOTES:			
Estimated cost of build Estimated cost of drain Accommodation appro- Valuation at completion Occupied	nage : ved :		
PREVIOUS TENANT/S:			
(The Rand-Pretoria D		ion. Complete Alphabetical And Tradenes Limited, Cape Town, 1954.)	es Directories of
CURRENT TENANT/S:			
Proposed Mapungubwe	Luxury Apartments		
SOURCES:			
		Complete Alphabetical And Tradenes Limited, Cape Town, 1954.	es Directories of
	g, Space & Urban Feature g Metropolitan Council (Cool	e Classification, 1998: Inner City Factory).	v - Metropolitar

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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