

JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM

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NAME OF PLACE: 'Mia's Building'



o Metro - Cool Factory

Previous/alternative name/s :

LOCATION: Street : Market
Street number : 43
Stand number : 5030, 5031 (previously Ptn 1 319, Ptn 1 320; before that 620a, 621)
Block number : N

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

DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:

This double-storey buildings has an entrance to a basement shop, directly from the pavement with stair, steel balustrade and handrail; colonnaded (cast cement columns) canopy with cornice over pavement with verandah above; the arched doorway (with lead glass panels) to the verandah is flanked by pilasters; double storey, shops to streets with living quarters above.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Walls : brick, partially plastered.

Roof : pitched, corrugated iron; two chimneys with three chimney pots to each.

Windows: steel frame.

Basement: pavement lights.

Doors: timber.

SITE FEATURES:

ALTERATIONS:

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

INTEGRITY:

The building seems to have retained much of its original fabric.

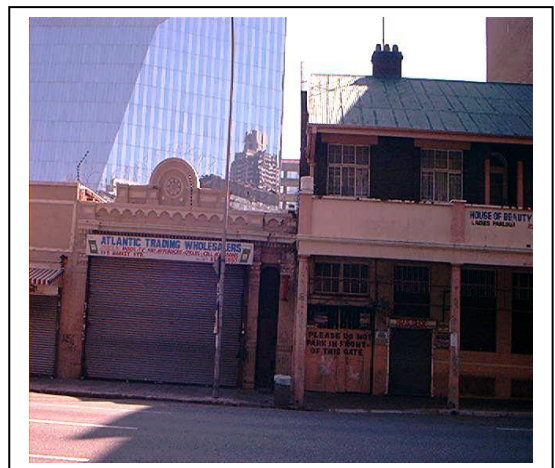
INSCRIPTION:

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

CONSTRUCTION DATE:

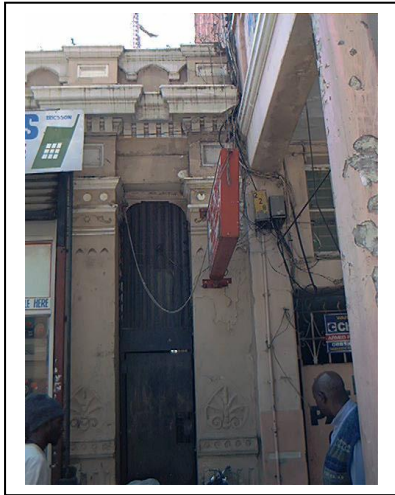
On plan :
Completed :
Original plans could not be found.

BUILDING STYLE:



BUILDING TYPE:

Shops and residential building.



ENVIRONMENT:

Notwithstanding the difference in height between this building and its immediate neighbours, it forms a continuous whole in the street scape and its contextual value must therefore be emphasised.

CONDITION:

The building requires external repairs, albeit of a minor and mostly cosmetic nature.

URGENT ACTION:

The loose electrical wires is an invitation to a fire, gutting the whole block because of the close proximity of the buildings, this would be a great pity as these buildings are irreplaceable.

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:

G9/1951 Gaba CC

HISTORY:**GENERAL NOTES:**

The name of the building has been difficult to ascertain. According to the current owner of the adjacent Joffe's Building (Stand Nos. 320, 321), the building has for long been in the Mia Family, thus the choice of the name 'Mia's 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