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NAME OF PLACE: SFB CHAMBERS

Photograph: Catharina JM Bruwer.

Above: View of the building, with *Television House*, to the left, in Marshall Street.

Previous/alternative name/s : MAR Hall
: Survey House
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LOCATION: Street : corner Marshall and Von Brandis
Street number :
: (133 Marshall; 19 Von Brandis)
Stand Number : 347
Previous Stand Number:
Block number : CB
Suburb : Marshallstown
GIS reference :

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

DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:

Height :
Levels above street level : four
Levels below street level : one
On-site parking : none

The building (constructed as a double storey building) originally comprised three shops at Ground Floor, three showrooms above, a Basement (storeroom) and balcony. This building was known as the MAR Hall. The owner at the time was Mr Eugene Lauf. In 1935, an additional floor was added to the building, and again in 1938. The entrance to the upper floors was off Marshall Street.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Walls: reinforced concrete frame / plastered brick
Roof: flat concrete
Windows: steel casements

SITE FEATURES:**ALTERATIONS:**

Additional floor (1935) comprising three additional showrooms

Additional floor (1938)

INTEGRITY:**INSCRIPTION:****ARCHITECT:**

'Shaw, John.
(9 May 1908 - Jul 1980) was listed c/o COOK & COWEN in 1930/1931 in Johannesburg, Shaw was in practice on his own account in Johannesburg by 1934. Currently nothing is known of Shaw's training. ISAA 1931. (*Aron et al 1972; ISAA mem list; ISAA Ybk 1930/31; SAAR Jan 1935:23-6*)...' (Architects In South Africa 1780 – 1940; Draft manuscript, J Walker & G M van der Waal, 1992, HSRC, Pretoria.)

Original construction: John Shaw

Additional floor (1935): John Shaw

Additional floor (1938): John Shaw

BUILDER:**CONSTRUCTION DATE:**Original construction

Date on plans :
Approval of plans : 14 October 1932
Completion date : 1933

Additional floor

Approval of plans : 27 May 1935
Completion date : 1933

Additional floor

Approval of plans : 10 December 1937
Completion date : 1938

BUILDING STYLE:

Art Deco – Monolithic. 1930s.

BUILDING TYPE:

Light commercial (shops and showrooms).

ENVIRONMENT:

CONDITION:

Fair.

URGENT ACTION:

SAHRA RECORD REGARDING ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, RESTORATION:

PROTECTION STATUS: (under National Heritage Resources Act, 1999)

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:

Eugene Lauf (at time of completion of the original building in 1932)

Boltnut Investments (Pty) Ltd. T804/1974

Koes Prop (Pty) Ltd.

Registration Date: 1984-07-05

Document: T21044/1984

PRE-HISTORY OF SITE:

HISTORY:

GENERAL NOTES:

Estimated cost of building	: £3,000
Estimated cost of drainage	: £100
Accommodation approved	: none
Valuation at completion	: £2,050
Occupied	:

PREVIOUS TENANT/S:

CURRENT TENANT/S:

SOURCES:

Unpublished Sources

Architects In South Africa 1780 – 1940; Draft manuscript, J Walker & G M van der Waal, 1992, HSRC, Pretoria.

Johannesburg Building, Space & Urban Feature Classification, 1998: Inner City - Metropolitan Planning, Johannesburg Metropolitan Council (Cool Factory).

Plans records of surveyed buildings, Marshallstown and City of Johannesburg: Archives, Building Control, Development Management, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality.

Rand Township Registry Johannesburg.

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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