



NEW 20 BED MEDICAL WARD

ENTABENI HOSPITAL
DURBAN



ARCHITECTURAL REPORT (AMAFA APPLICATION)

1. BACKGROUND

- a. The existing buildings surrounding the proposed twenty bed ward have been drastically modernized by previous developments as there is a growing demand for private healthcare and space (refer to existing photographs).
- b. With the modernization of these existing buildings and the increase in the number of visitors to the hospital, there has been a growing demand for more facilities to be provided for the hospital to meet these demands.
- c. Existing buildings include: the hospital tower and the neurology ward to the south east, admin, medical suites and staff facilities to the north east and medical suites with a rehabilitation gym and therapy unit to the south west and a new parking deck to the north west. Existing parking surrounds all of these buildings (refer to photographs).
- d. We have investigated all possible options for the positioning of the new ward and believe that the position we have proposed best suits the existing hospital's requirements and provides us with the desired flow and link to the main hospital entrance foyer and access to the main lift lobby.

2. PROPOSAL

- a. The level of the proposed new ward is on a raised, suspended floor, which is necessary to ensure a link to the existing ground floor level of the existing hospital, thereby creating opportunity for basement level parking.
- b. It is proposed that a portion of the existing wall of the existing link passage be demolished (photo 3, 4 and 5) to allow for the twenty bed ward to have access to the main hospital tower and the neurology ward, by creating and extending the link passage. Both the existing hospital tower and the neurology ward have undergone drastic modernizations in the past five years and are therefore not considered to have any historical significance, therefore demolishing the façade of this link passage will not be seen to affect any buildings of historical significance.
- c. We wish to reiterate that the construction of the new ward will not require demolition of existing buildings and will not adversely affect the existing adjacent buildings in any way.
- d. In view of the existing buildings, they are not considered to have any historical significance as they have been drastically modernized in previous developments.
- e. With that in mind, it is also requested that all future developments on this site would not require AMAFA approval. We humbly request that this be noted in the AMAFA approval notification should our application meet with your favour.

3. MOTIVATION

- a. The existing buildings form part of a growing private hospital group which is under extreme pressure to provide modern facilities which must be suitable for both medical practitioners and the public.
- b. The existing capacity of the hospital is currently not enough for the large number of patrons visiting the various medical facilities and the proposed twenty bed ward would relieve the pressure and problems which are being experienced on a day to day basis, allowing for less time delays and frustration to the public as some of the patients need urgent medical attention.
- c. The façades of the proposed twenty bed ward building has been designed in order to keep in context with the modernized existing buildings.
- d. The proposed twenty bed ward will not have any effect on buildings of historical significance.
- e. The addition of this twenty bed ward would not interfere with any of the existing buildings thus ensuring that they remain functional and relevant by providing facilities which are urgently needed.

4. EXISTING PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Main entrance façade of Entabeni Hospital



Photo 2: Existing façade and staircase of existing neurology ward.
Proposed new building will be adjacent to this existing building.



Photo 3: Existing façade and staircase of existing neurology ward. Existing link passage shown (red) – this façade is proposed to be demolished to provide a new link passage to the proposed twenty bed ward and existing hospital.



Photo 4: Existing link passage façade which will be demolished to create the new link passage from the proposed twenty bed ward to the existing hospital.



Photo 5: Existing façades and link passage (red) of neurology ward and the existing hospital tower.



Photo 6: Existing modern rehab building



Photo 7: Existing modern rehab building