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Your Ref.:
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9 October 1990

Osmond Lange Architects
237 Oxford Street
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Attention: Mr M R Goldswain

Dear Sir

REFURBISHMENT: MUIRHEAD AND GOWIE BUILDING, 42-44 HIGH STREET,
GRAHAMSTOWN

The proposed work to the facade of the above-mentioned building,
which is a national monument, was considered at a recent meeting
of the Eastern Cape Plans Committee.

In considering the matter, the committee was pleased to note the
effort which you and your client have taken in ensuring the
refurbishment of the building.

The committee approved the proposed work on the front facade as
detailed in your drawings E474 DET A and DET B.

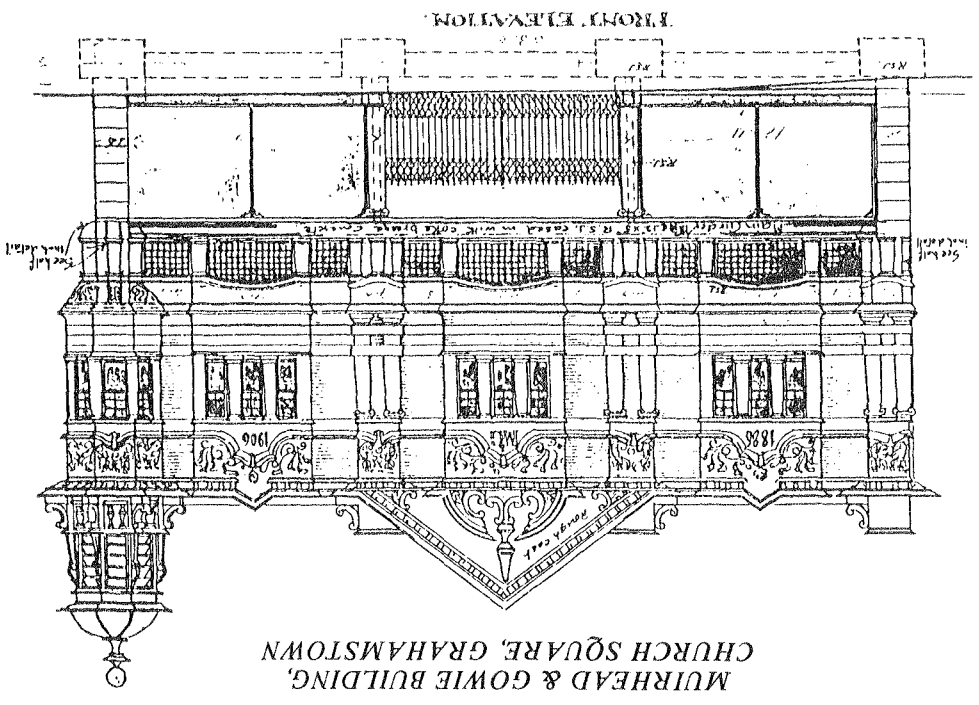
Yours faithfully

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FRONT OF CARD: Old Mutual's restoration of the Muirhead & Gowie building makes it a fitting focal point for the Church Square shop facades, which together form one of the finest examples of late 19th and early 20th century commercial frontage in the Southern Hemisphere. This ornate Edwardian edifice was designed by Hubert Walker in 1906 and erected in 1907 after a fire had destroyed the previous premises dating back to 1886. Present project architect, Mr Martin Goldswain, a great-great-grandson of 1820 Settler Jeremiah Goldswain, made extensive use of original working drawings like the one reproduced here.

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*Old Mutual Properties
(Eastern Cape & Border Region)*

*cordially invite you
to be present at the ceremonial opening
of the restored
Muirhead & Gowie Building*

*by
Her Worship, the Mayor of Grahamstown,
Councillor Martha Olckers*

*on
Thursday, 14 February 1991
Please be seated by 5.30 pm*



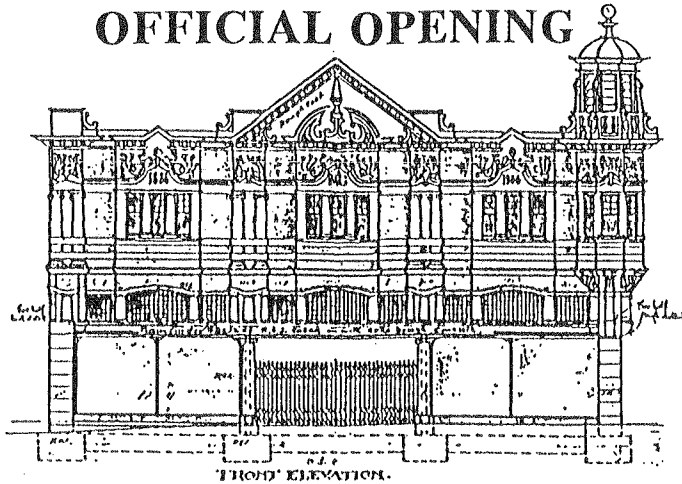
*The ceremony will take place at
42 - 44 High Street.*

*Immediately afterwards, guests will proceed to
The Observatory Museum, Bathurst Street,
for*

a Victorian Reception until 7.30 pm

*R.S.V.P.
by Friday, 8 February 1991*

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OFFICIAL OPENING

FRONT ELEVATION.

MUIRHEAD & GOWIE BUILDING, CHURCH SQUARE, GRAHAMSTOWN

14 FEBRUARY 1991

PROGRAMME

- 17h30 : Guests seated
- 17h35 : Arrival of Her Worship the Mayor of Grahamstown, Councillor Martha Olckers and other Honoured Guests.
- 17h40 : Welcome by the Regional Property Manager (Eastern Cape & Border Region), Old Mutual Properties, Mr Steven Matthews.
- 17h45 : Address by the Provincial Property Manager (Coastal), Old Mutual Properties, Mr Derek Stuart-Findlay.
- 17h50 : Address by Her Worship the Mayor of Grahamstown, Councillor Martha Olckers.
- 17h55 : Ribbon-cutting by Her Worship the Mayor of Grahamstown, Councillor Martha Olckers.
- 18h00 : Invited guests adjourn to Observatory Museum, Bathurst Street, for a Victorian Reception until 19h30, including a talk on the history of the Muirhead & Gowie Building by Dr Eily Gledhill.

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