



Goodwood Fire Station Success

Slingsby Gaidien Construction is the main contractor the project W&F Electrical appointed the Electrical contractor

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The City of Cape Town (Emergency

Services) selected local architectural firm, Jakupa Architects and Urban Designers, to design an extension to the existing office building of the Goodwood Fire Station, the new Emergency Services Administration/Head Office. Japuka was awarded a contract worth about R4 million for the project.

The Goodwood Fire Station is situated on the corner of Frans Conradie Drive and Hugo Street in Goodwood. The project comprises a new wing as an extension of the existing office building and attaches to the northern-eastern corner of the complex, which was built in 1986. According to Jakupa, "By recognising - but not replicating - the existing structure, finishes and finer detailing -- the new wing re-interprets the essence of the old and instils a refined and re-invented version in the new." Professional consultants on the project included AMS Quantity Surveyors, PD Naidoo & Associates (Structural, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers) and Frontline Health & Safety. The Main contractors were Slingsby & Gaidien Construction, and Electrical Contractor W & F Electrical.

subtle industrial impression, terminates in parapetted flat roofs to accommodate external AC units and to serve as a gasket connection to the existing building. Materials used on the exterior include the expressed concrete frame and face brick (Crammix) for walls, aluminium shop-fronts and windows (Skillful-180) and sheet metal roofing (Scheltema). The interiors are largely cellular offices, but with glass partitioning to maintain a feeling of open space. Offices, meeting rooms and passages have been carpeted while service spaces (kitchens, toilets and store rooms) have been fitted with vinyl flooring. Interior walls have been plastered and painted. Upper ceilings are mainly drop-in type to allow for ceiling service access. Although construction was completed in December 2009, additional landscaping, paving and exterior work currently form part of the final phase.

JAKUPA is a young architecture and urban design practice. The team contributes diverse skills that drive a vision rooted in humanistic values. Japuka engages in work ranging from addressing social and ecological issues to responsible building in today's market economy. The Japuka portfolio includes the Gatesville Fresh Produce Market in Cape Town, Cape Town Station Revitalisation and the Greenpoint Stadium.



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" Slingsby & Gaidien (Pty) Ltd Construction is proud to have been the Main Contractor to the office extension of the Goodwood Fire Station Emergency Services. We wish the City of Cape Town Emergency Services the best of luck for the safe monitoring of the 2010 Fifa World Cup Soccer in their new offices."