AN URBAN CENTRE FOR TEMPORARY WORKERS

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If I had not known that my life depends on my mind and my effort ... if I had not made it my highest moral purpose to exercise the best of my effort and the fullest capacity of my mind in order to expand my life...

This thesis elaborates on the relationship between work and time and how it relates to quality architecture. Quality is a degree of excellence.

The project proposed is aimed at promoting quality in the built environment through workmanship.
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Pretoria, in die Tswane Metropolitaanse area, is geleë in Gauteng, die provinsie waar die meeste handel in Suid-Afrika plaasvind. Hatfield, 'n voorstad in Pretoria, is die tuiste van baie studente aan 'n wye verskeidenheid akademiese inrigtings, insluitende die Universiteit van Pretoria. Baie werkers pendel tussen Pretoria en Johannesburg op 'n daagliks basis.

Die wereld word vandag gekenmerk deur ewigdurende veranderinge, wat veral in Suid-Afrika tot onsekerheid lei, gepaardgaande met skommelinge in die ekonomie.

Die werkloosheidskoers van ongeveer 40% noodsaak dat baie Suid-Afrikaners tydelike, en selfs migrerende arbeiders word.

Hierdie onsekerheid word ook weerspieël in die boubedryf, waar geboue "tydelike" eienskappe toon, en waar vakmanskap in die beplanning en konstruksie daarvan ontbreek.

Die projek wat in hierdie tesis bespreek word, is die gevolg van intensiewe beplanning rondom die voorgestelde Hatfield Gautrans Stasie, deur E.B. Roccon (tesis vir MArch(Prof), 2003), wat geïmplimenteer word om 'n effektiewe openbare vervoeraansluiting tussen Pretoria en Johannesburg te bewerkstellig.
The functions of the project, a stable centre acting as a datum point and haven for temporary workers, is a result of this planning process.

This thesis aims at re-establishing a trust in the built environment through quality architecture, by promoting work and workmanship.
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