

## CHAPTER 7



# TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION

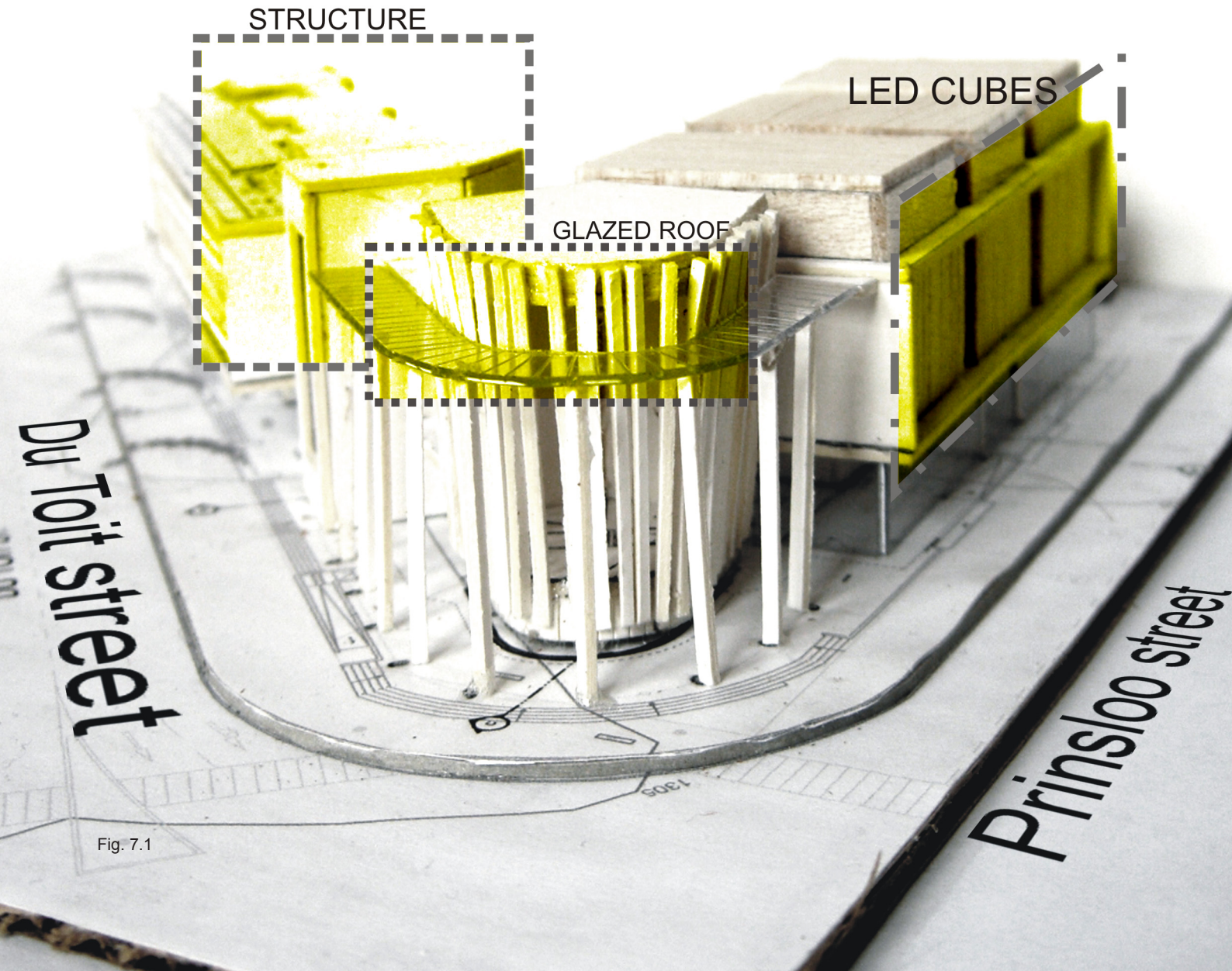


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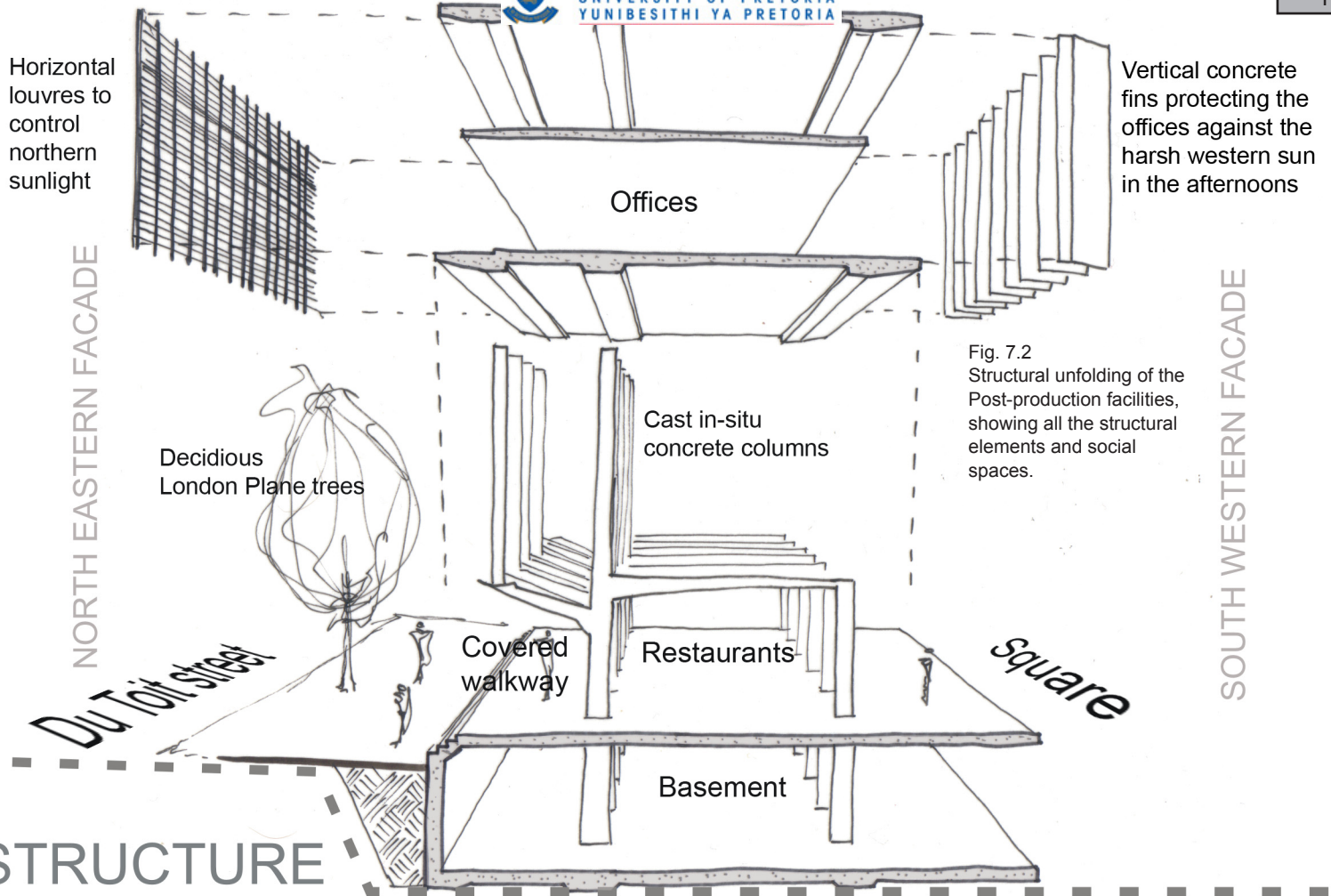


Fig. 7.2  
Structural unfolding of the Post-production facilities, showing all the structural elements and social spaces.

The structure comprises mostly out of reinforced concrete floors and columns.

The use of concrete ensures that the building is rigid and capable to carry the loads imposed on it by the functions of the building. The building is structured on a grid network that is determined by the grid of the basement structure. The post-production section is supported by a primary cast in-situ concrete column. A cantilevered beam supports the northern façade and is balanced by a counter beam tying it back to the secondary columns in the grid.

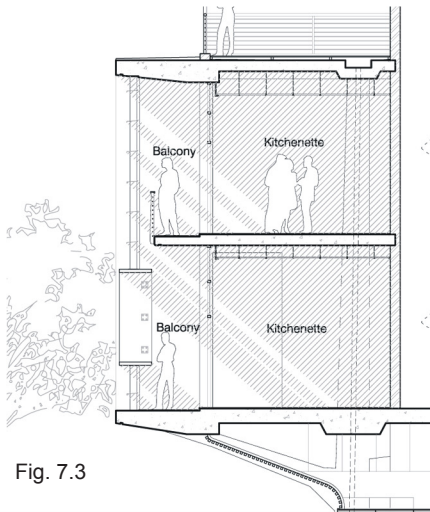


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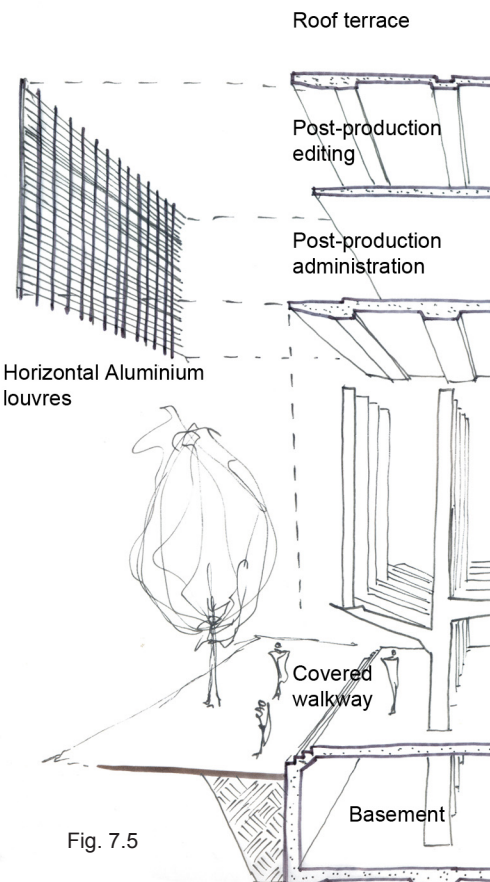
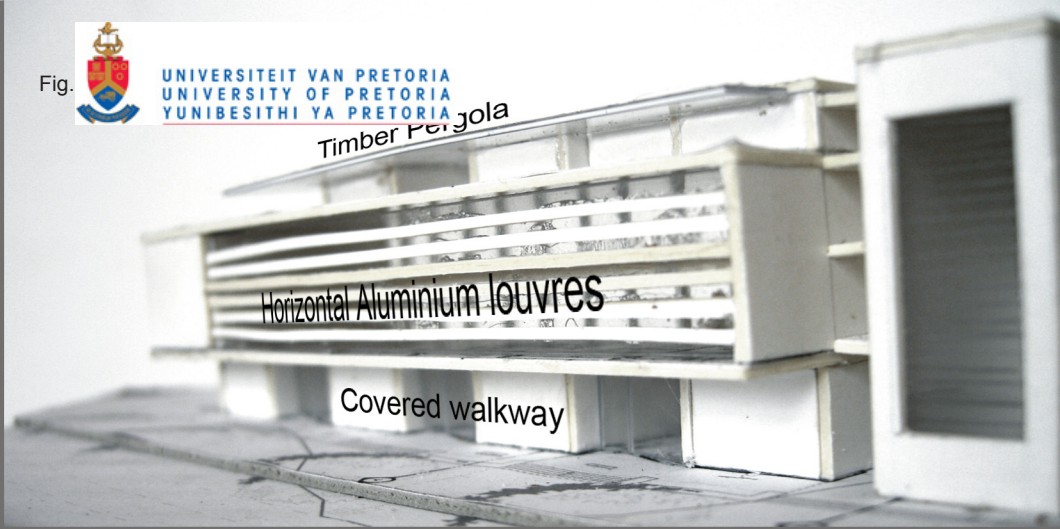


Fig. 7.5

As mentioned in the previous chapter the Post-production section of the building facilitates the majority of the habitual spaces (offices, restaurants and social spaces). It is required to keep the occupants of these spaces as comfortable as possible.

### North Eastern façade

Due to the large northern aspect of this façade, it was essential to be able to regulate the amount of direct sunlight allowed into the office spaces. A fixed aluminium louvre system as well as the deep setback of the windows, prevents the harsh Highveld sunlight to penetrate the interior spaces throughout most of the year. Due to the angle of solar incidence during the winter months, sunlight is able to infiltrate the office spaces and heat it up from within.

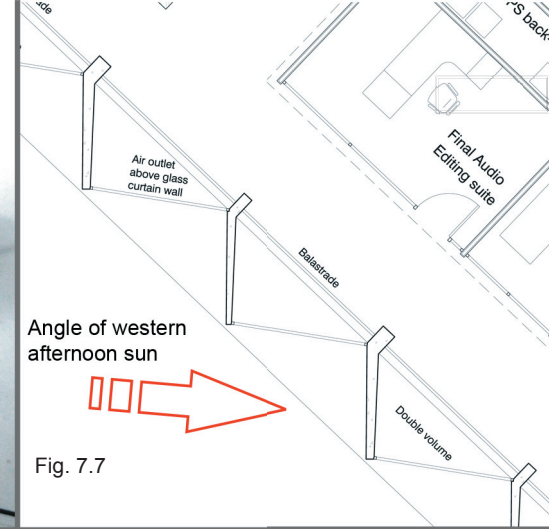
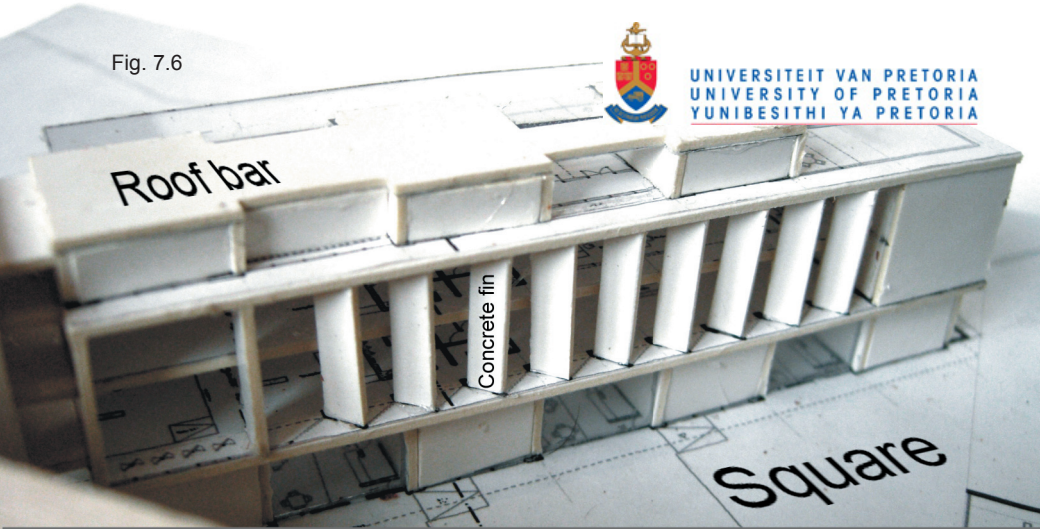
The first and second floor cantilevers over the walkway on the ground floor, giving generous shading to the food vendors and protecting them against precipitation.

Fig. 7.3 Portion of Section A indicating the solar infiltration during the winter months.

Fig. 7.4 Concept model showing climatic features of the facade

Fig. 7.5 Structural unfolding of the north eastern facade

Fig. 7.6



Angle of western afternoon sun

Fig. 7.7

## South Western façade

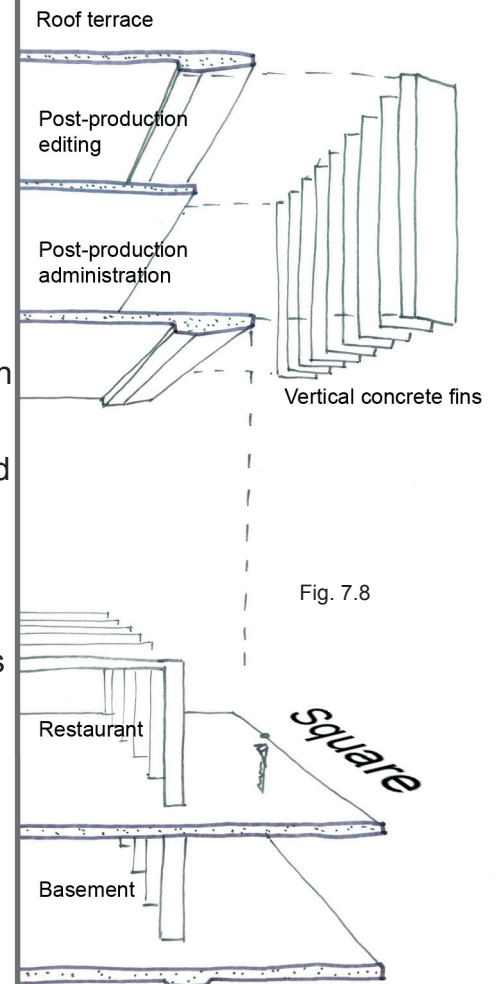
This façade was originally designed with a large glass curtain wall, enabling the occupants of the office spaces to have a visual connection with the square below. Due to direct solar radiation of the western afternoon sun, these spaces (offices) would become unbearably hot.

Vertical concrete fins are proposed to keep most of the western sun out. Because of its mass, these concrete fins are able to absorb most of the harsh afternoon sunlight. Glass curtain walls are placed between these fins and faces southwards to keep the idea of a visual connection with the square. Hot air behind the concrete fins will rise against the glass curtain wall and be expelled through louvres overhead. Cold air will be drawn through louvered windows on the north eastern façade, ensuring cross-ventilation.

Fig. 7.6 Concept model showing the south western facade

Fig. 7.7 Plan indicating the position of the concrete fins in relation with the angle of incidence of the western afternoon sun.

Fig. 7.8 Structural unfolding of the south western facade





## Glazed Roof

The glazed roof's primary function is to protect people against the natural elements. The idea of the glazed roof is to soften the intensity of the sunlight as one enters the building. This is essential as people will not be able to experience the images displayed on the Media screen if the light contrasts are too much. Diffused coloured light patterns will fall on the pavement of the entrance to the building. This might give the idea of pixels on the floor or a television test pattern. This diffused light will make the entrance to the building more inviting to visitors and gives the building a vibrant and humoristic character.

Fig. 7.9 Detail of the tinted glass roof.

Fig. 7.10 Internal courtyard of Town Hall/Hybrid Hotel in Innsbruck, Austria by Dominic Perrault

Fig. 7.11 IDEA Store, London by David Adjaye

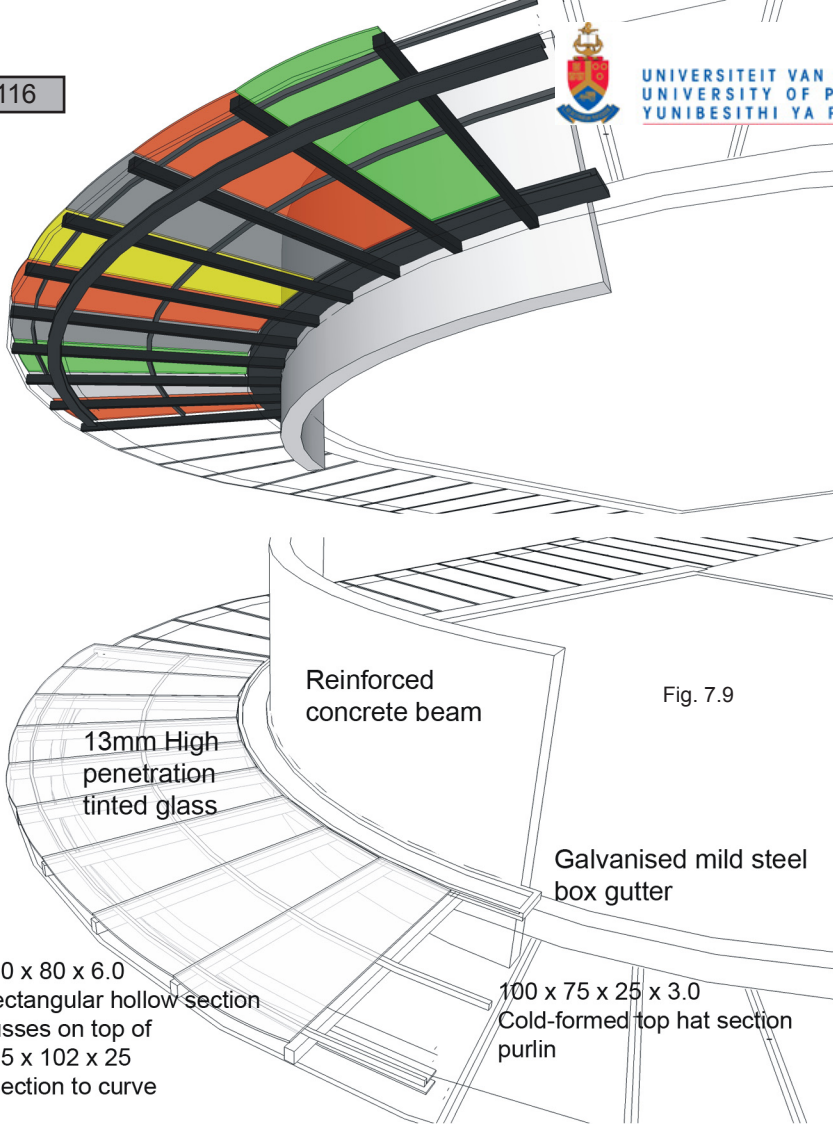
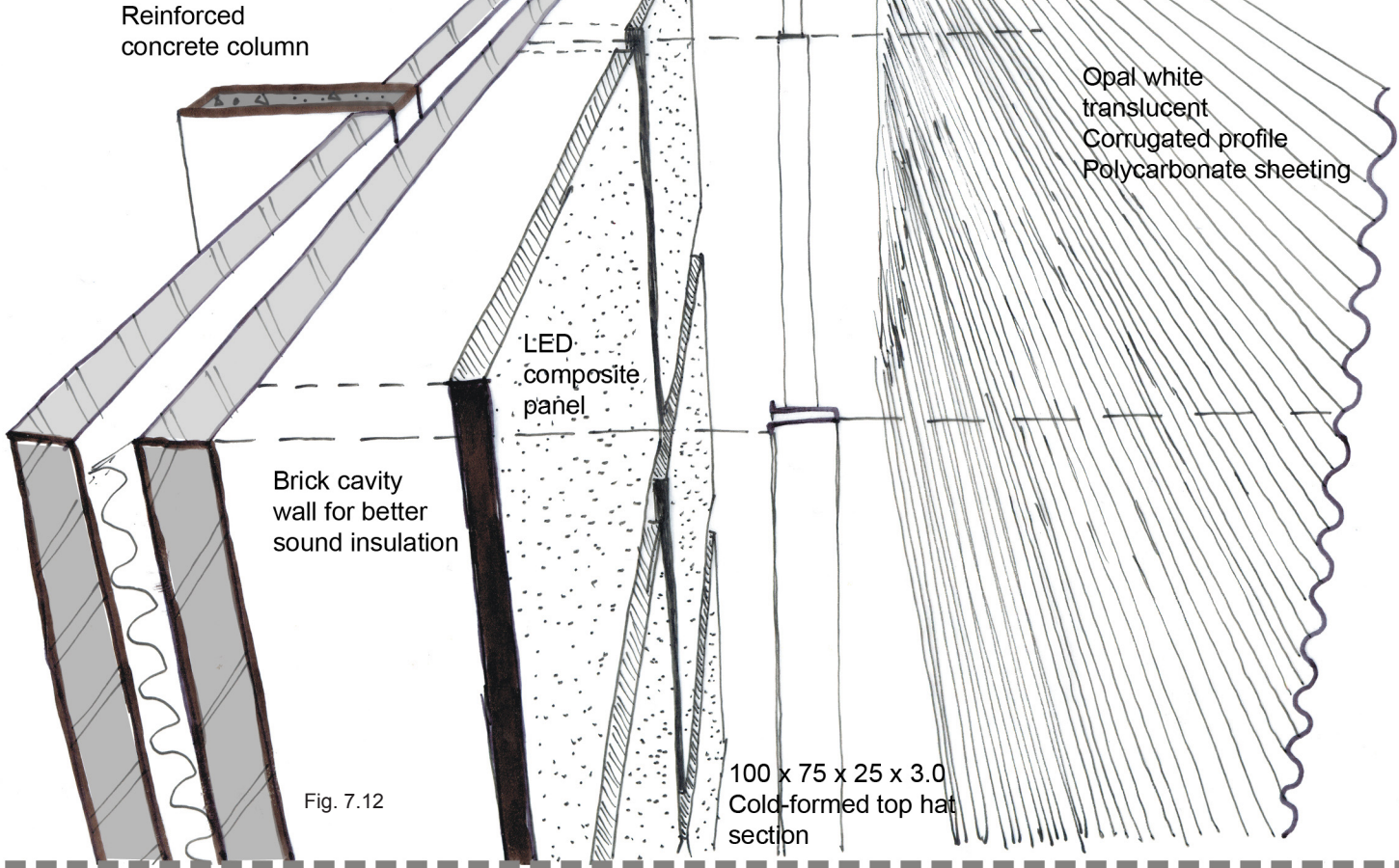


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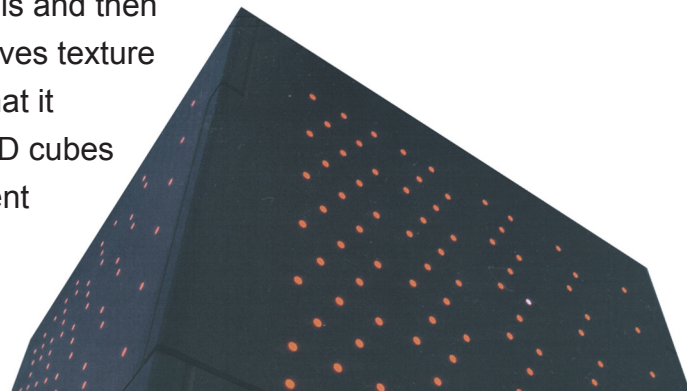




### LED Cubes

The monotonous walls of the studios are created into interactive cubes. LED composite panels are fitted to the studio walls and then cladded with translucent polycarbonate sheeting. This gives texture to the oversized cubes during the day, but it is at night that it becomes interactive. Through the use of sensors the LED cubes become pixilated information boards, indicating movement patterns, noise levels and important messages.

Fig. 7.12 Detail of LED and polycarbonate cladding to recording studios



# \_ Media facade

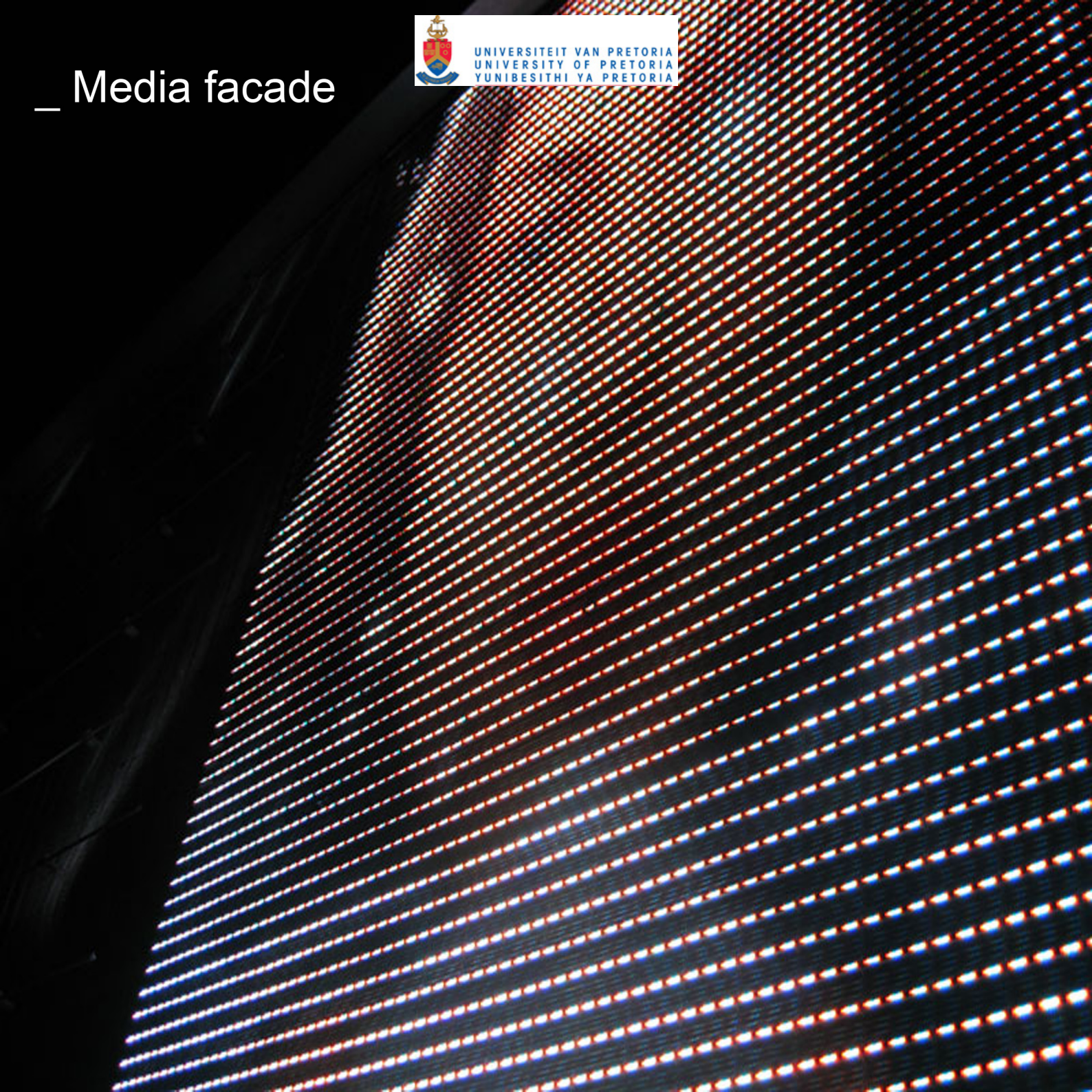
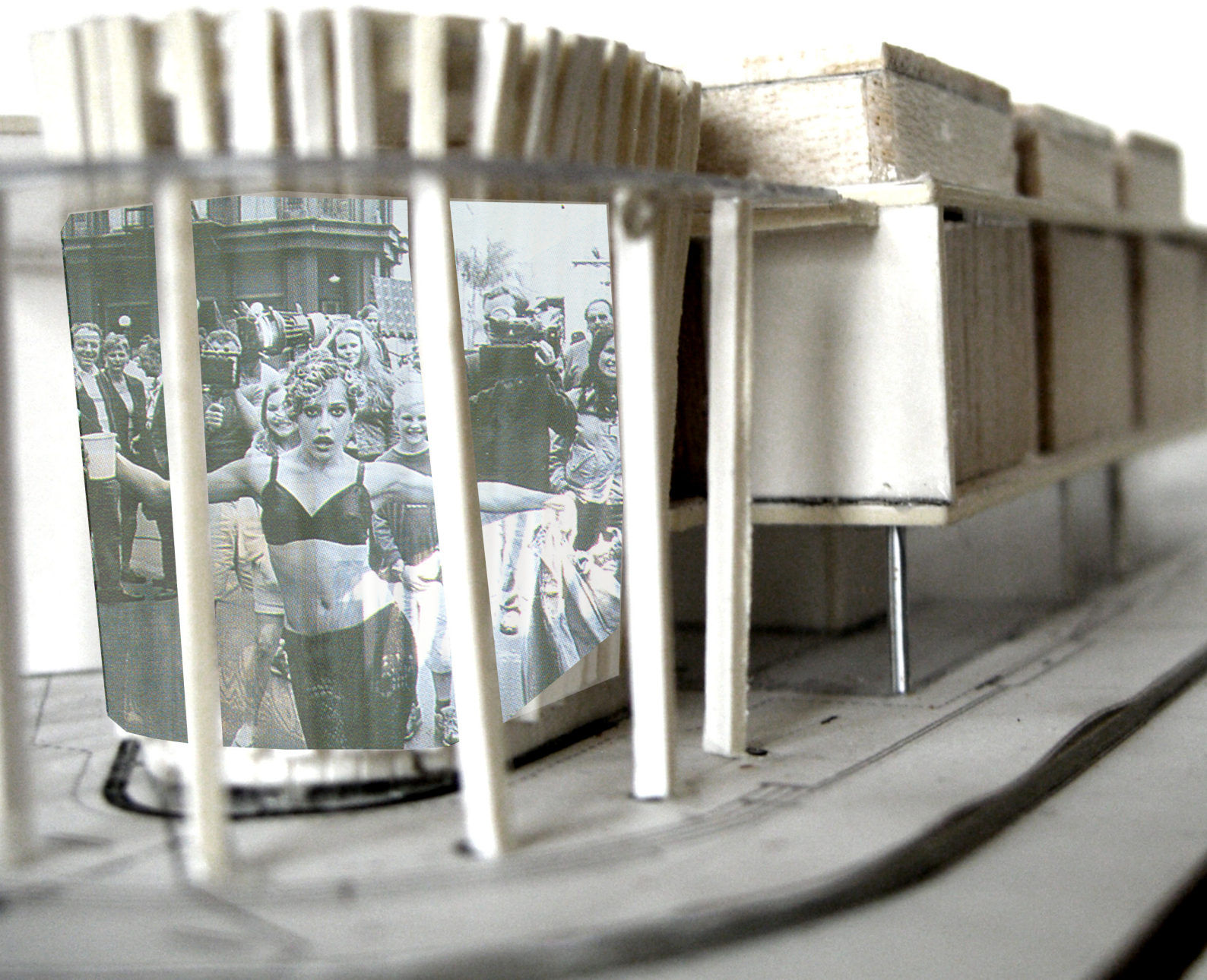


Fig. 7.13 Concept model showing the intent of the media facade



The use of media facades helps contemporary architecture reflect the ideals of the communication era. It gives the architecture a dynamic appeal that is more attractive to passers-by than traditional static display systems.

The Mediamesh system is essentially a transparent media screen, which is applied to the facades of buildings. The principle of the façade is a stainless steel wire mesh with interwoven LED (Light Emitting Diodes) profiles. This system is programmed by media controls installed behind the screen. The LED's reflect images from the media controls onto the façade, enabling it to display a variety of images, text and video.

These images are created by the LED's in the colours red, blue and green. The grouping of three or five of these colour-combination LED's, creates one image pixel. The resolution of the image is dependant on the distance and density of these pixels. This is determined by the vertical distance between the lamella (stainless steel band housing the LED blocks) and the horizontal distance between the LED blocks.



Fig. 7.14 Mediamesh system applied on the facade of the T-Mobile Headquarters in Bonn, Germany

The higher the resolution, the smaller the viewing distance and higher the cost will be. A general viewing distance of 30-40 meters is adequate to view the image displayed.

Due to the transparent nature of this façade, the view from the outside into the building, as well as from the inside outwards, is still possible.

The Mediamesh façade is superior to a conventional self-contained LED board in terms of cost efficiency, size and the variety of applications. The transparent system does not close-off the façade of a building, keeping the integrity of the architectural design as it forms part of it.

Further advantages include:

- daylight capability
- pixel pitch can be chosen
- low power consumption and long service life
- very low maintenance effort
- specifically designed for the field of architecture
- aesthetically pleasing appearance

Fig. 7.15 Close-up of the Mediamesh system

Fig. 7.16 Concept facade

Fig. 7.17 Merck Serono Headquarters in Geneva

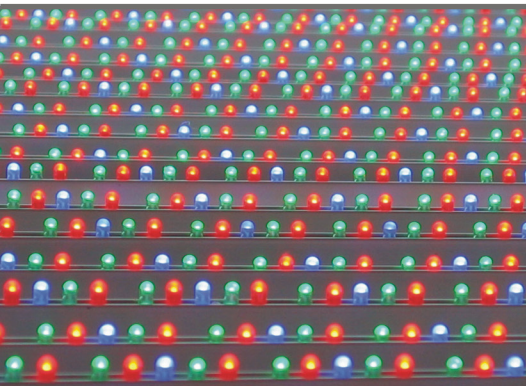


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Fig. 7.17



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## OFF SHUTTER CONCRETE

Off shutter concrete is used on all structural elements as well as external walls. Concrete was chosen as a structural material due to its ease of construction and availability. Its plasticity makes it easier to construct difficult forms. It is also a material that is synonymous with Modern architecture.

## TINTED GLASS

High penetration tinted glass is used for the roof covering the entrance to the development. Although it is more expensive than polycarbonate sheeting, it is more durable and is able to keep its properties during the life of the product.

## ALUMINIUM LOUVRES

Aluminium louvres are applied to the northern facade of the post-production office spaces as solar control elements. The aluminium louvres are powder coated in white to allow for solar reflection into the office space, creating an optimised daylighting factor.

## LED MEDIA MESH

A LED Mediamesh is applied to the glazed facade of Studio A. This enables the northern corner to act as a large media screen that responds to the intersection from a distance. The nature of the mesh also allows people close by to look through the mesh and observe the activities within the studio.



## LED LIGHTS

LED lights are used for screens that do not need to display a clear image. The lights are grouped in clustered panels to give an optimum effect. The individual LED lights will then act as pixels of a large screen.

## TIMBER

Timber decks are used on the roof terrace. The timber floor boards are visually pleasing and hides storm water channels running underneath. Because of the gaps between the individual boards, rainwater is still able to filter through.

## POLY-CARBONATE SHEETING

Polycarbonate sheeting will be used as cladding for the clustered LED panels. The polycarbonate will act as a projection canvas for the LED lights during the night.

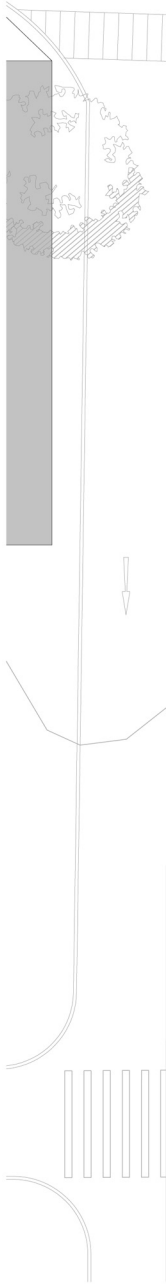
## IBR METAL SHEETING

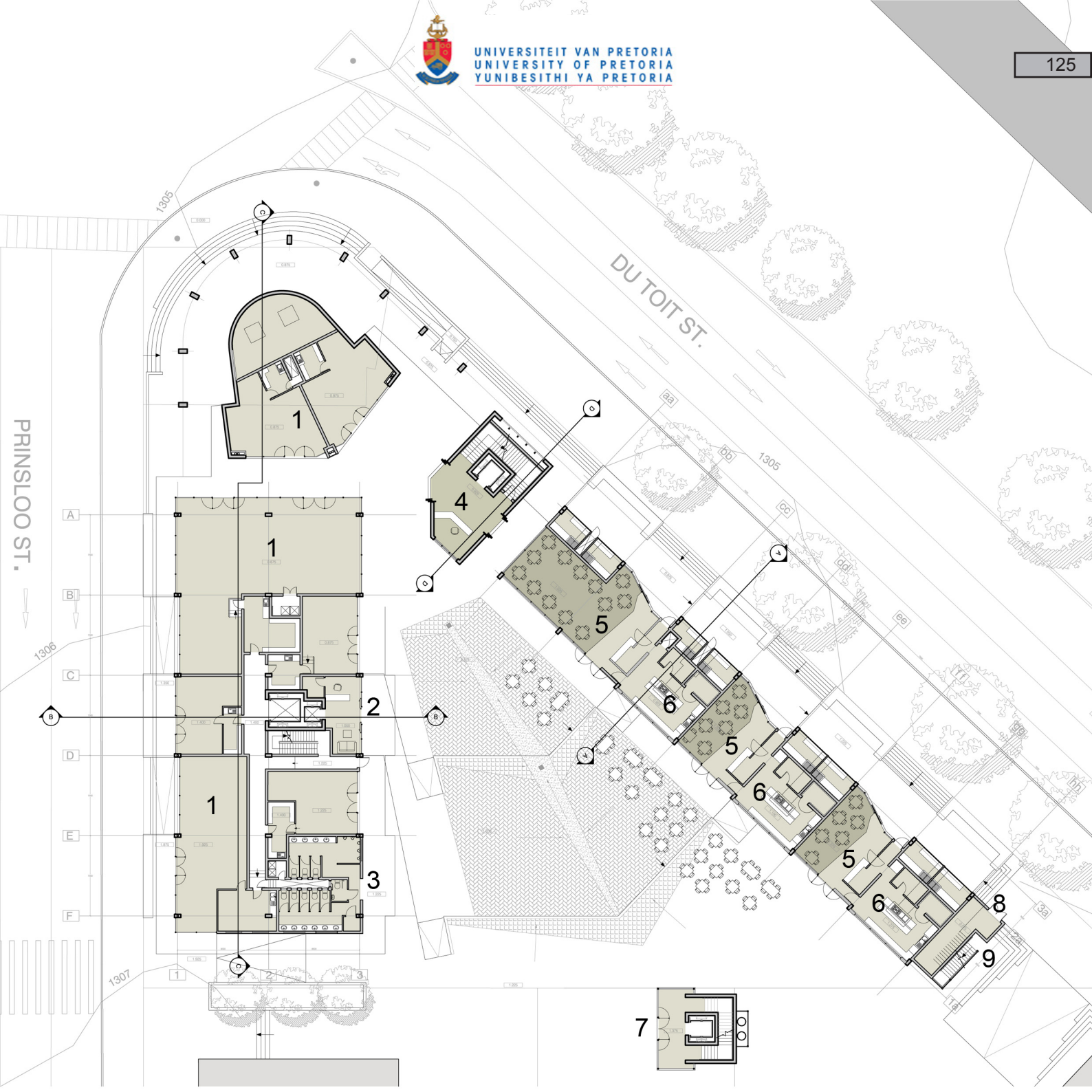
IBR sheeting is used as roof cladding to the Radio station and Roof bar. IBR sheeting is chosen for its light weight, ease of construction, and relevance to the construction industry in South Africa.



# GROUND FLOOR PLAN

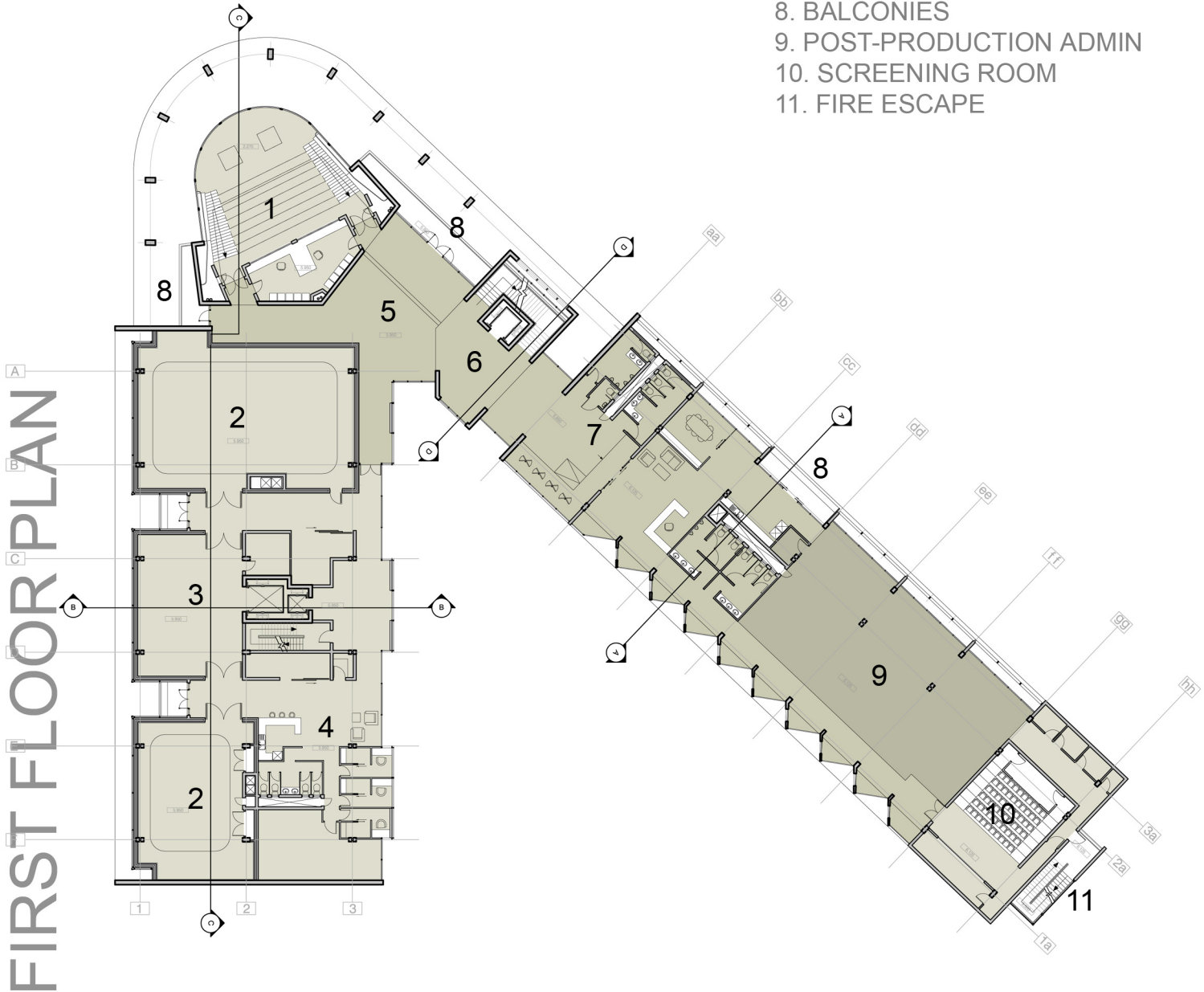
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2. STAFF ENTRANCE
3. PUBLIC TOILETS
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5. RESTAURANT
6. KITCHEN
7. PUBLIC ACCESS TO BASEMENT
8. REFUSE STORAGE
9. FIRE ESCAPE







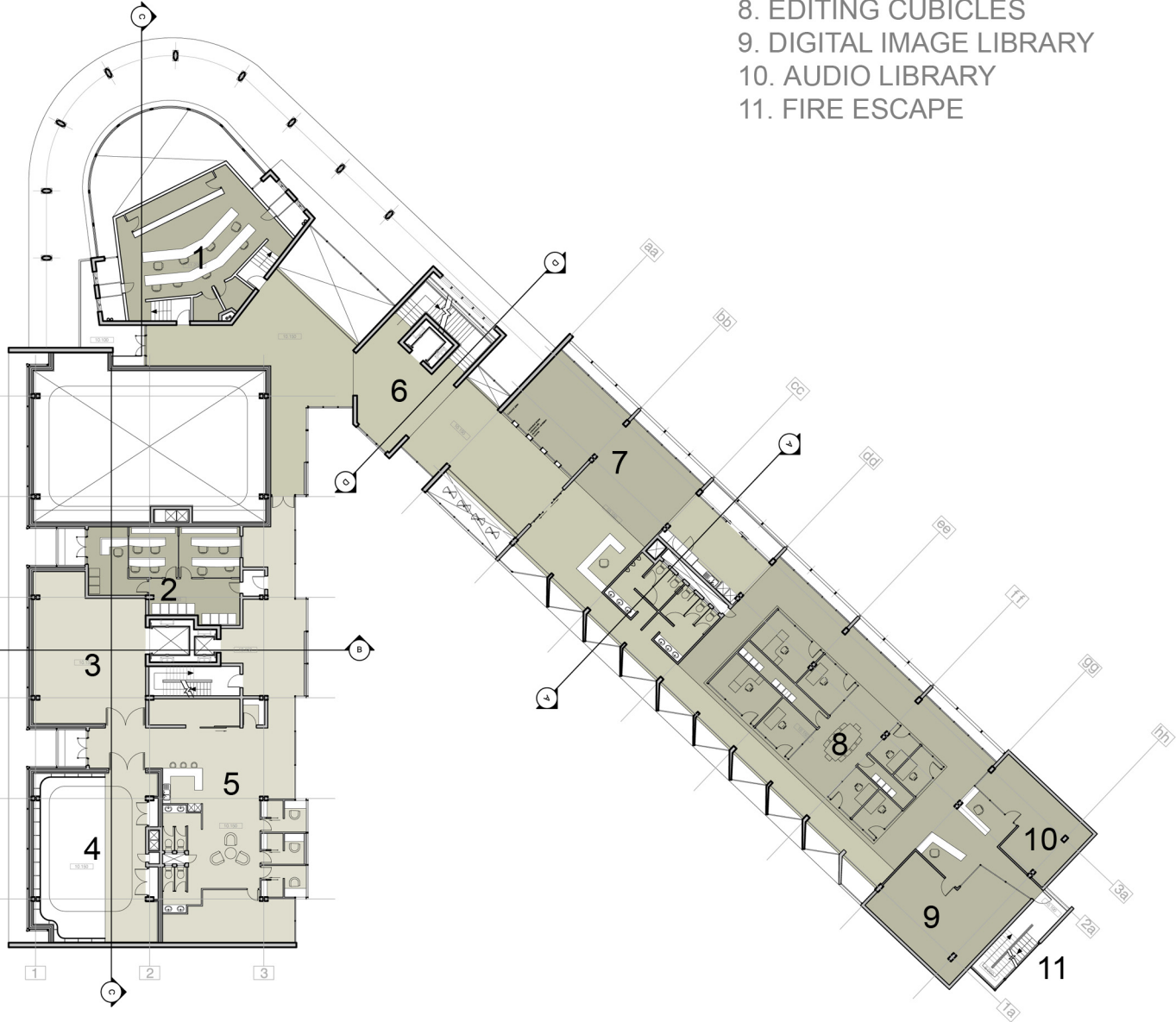
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2. GENERAL STUDIO
3. STUDIO STORAGE
4. PRESENTER AREA
5. AUDIENCE HOLDING
6. CIRCULATION
7. PUBLIC TOILETS
8. BALCONIES
9. POST-PRODUCTION ADMIN
10. SCREENING ROOM
11. FIRE ESCAPE





1. MASTER CONTROL ROOM
2. PRODUCTION CONTROL ROOM
3. STUDIO STORAGE
4. GENERAL STUDIO
5. PRESENTER AREA
6. CIRCULATION
7. PRODUCTION DESIGN STUDIO
8. EDITING CUBICLES
9. DIGITAL IMAGE LIBRARY
10. AUDIO LIBRARY
11. FIRE ESCAPE

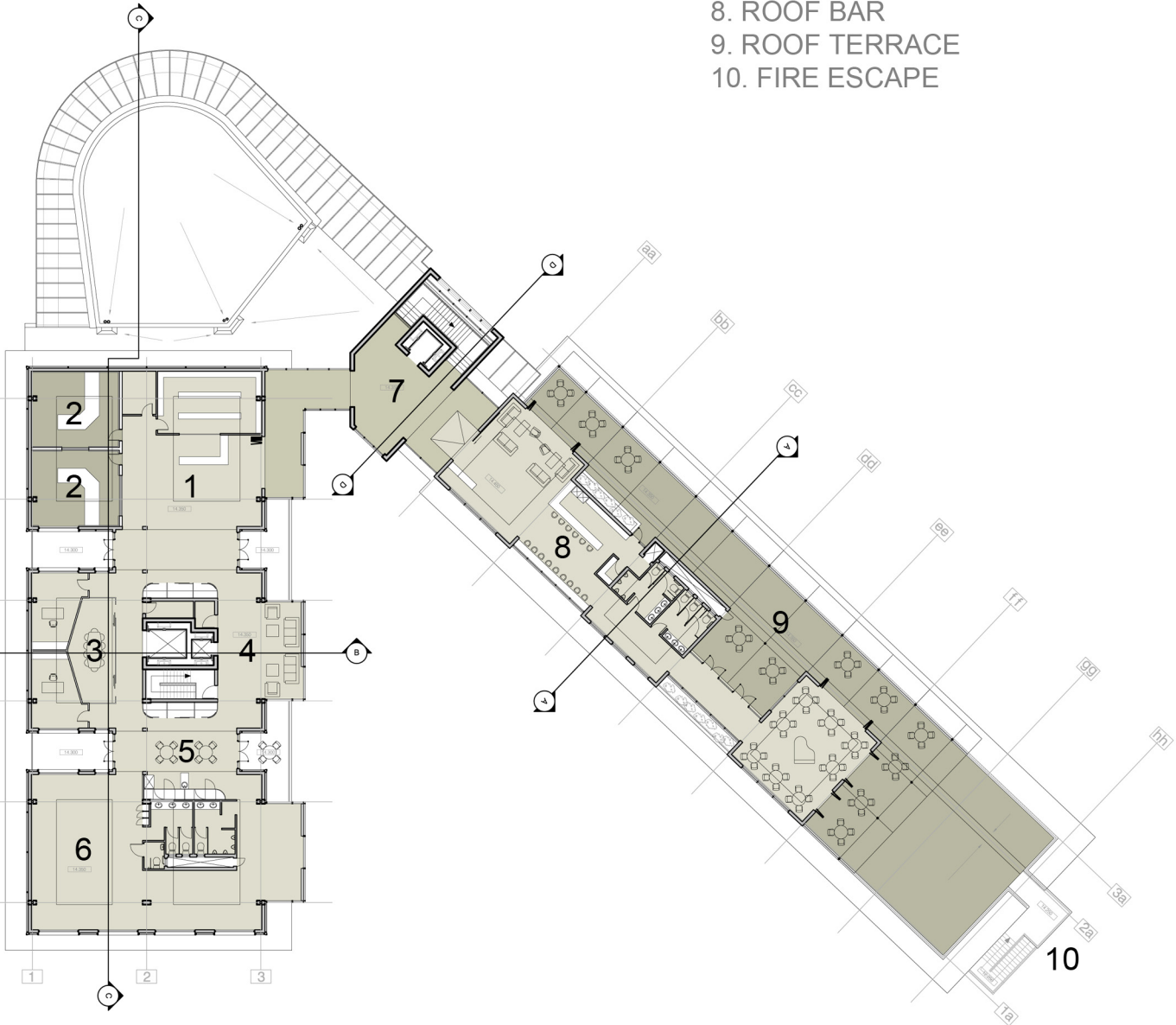
# SECOND FLOOR PLAN





1. RADIO STATION RECEPTION
2. BROADCASTING STUDIO
3. BOARDROOM
4. STAFF LOUNGE
5. KITHENETTE
6. RADIO ADMIN OFFICE
7. CIRCULATION
8. ROOF BAR
9. ROOF TERRACE
10. FIRE ESCAPE

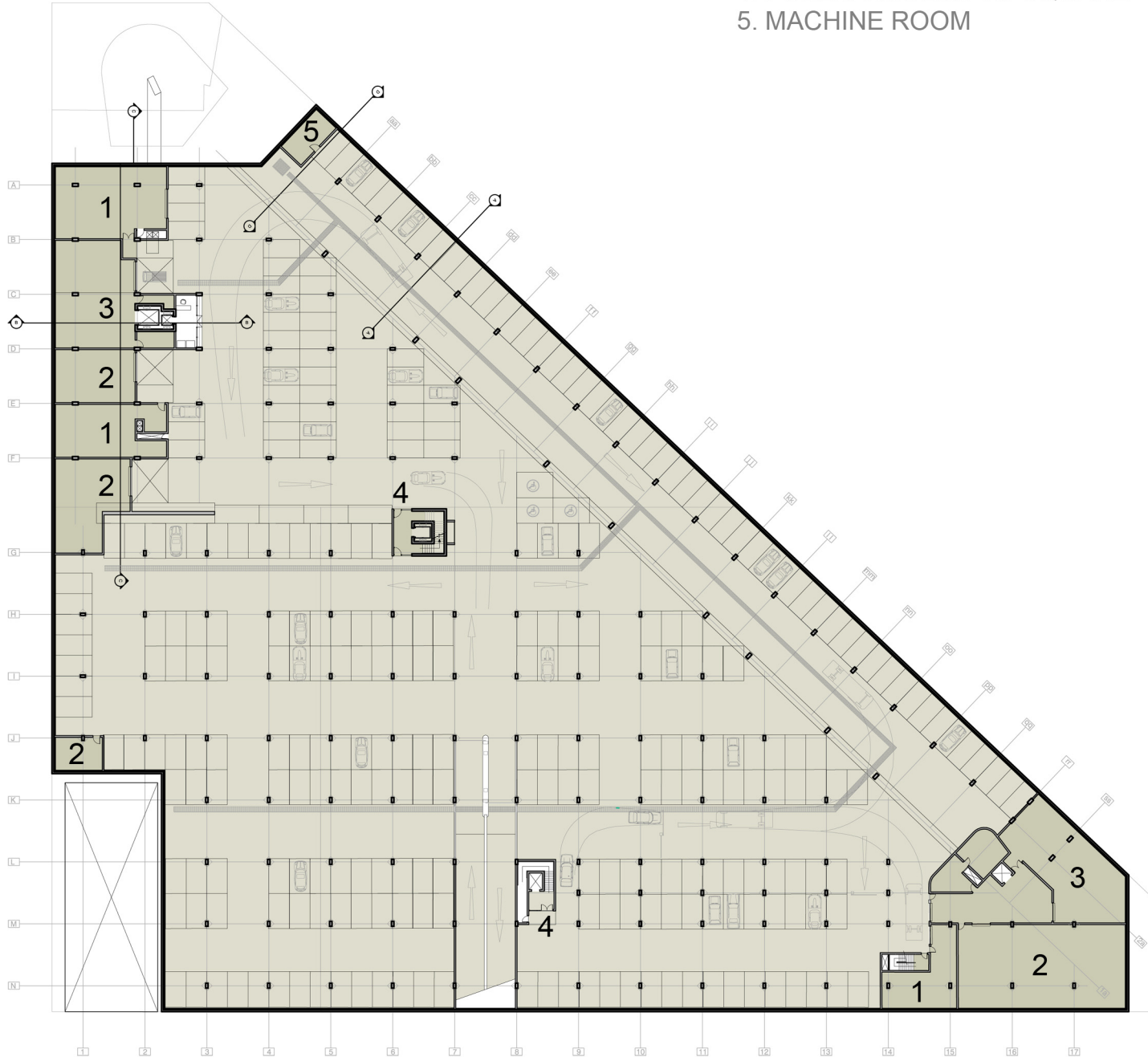
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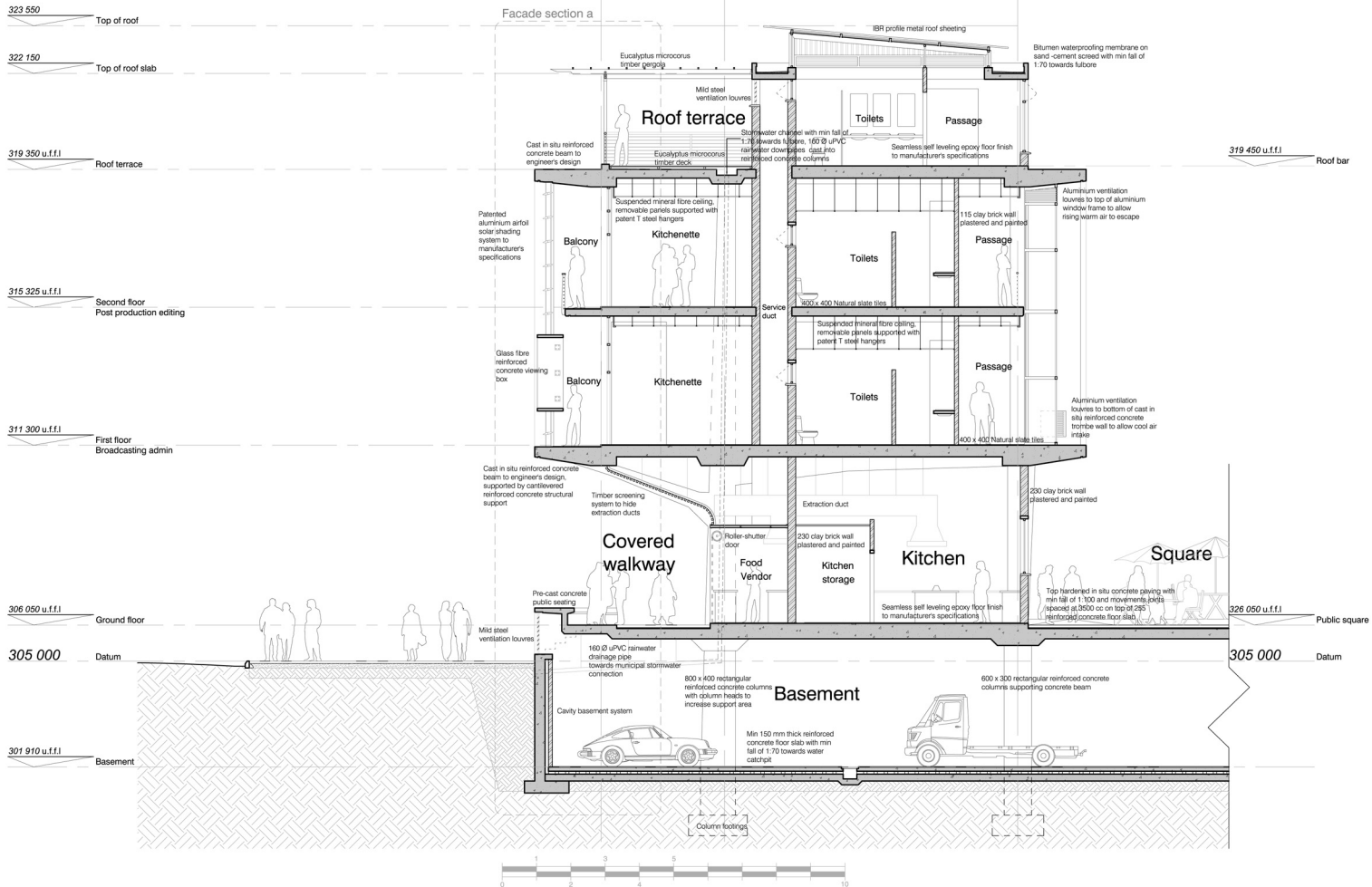




- 1. PLANT ROOMS
- 2. STORAGE
- 3. WORKSHOPS
- 4. PUBLIC ACCESS TO SQUARE
- 5. MACHINE ROOM

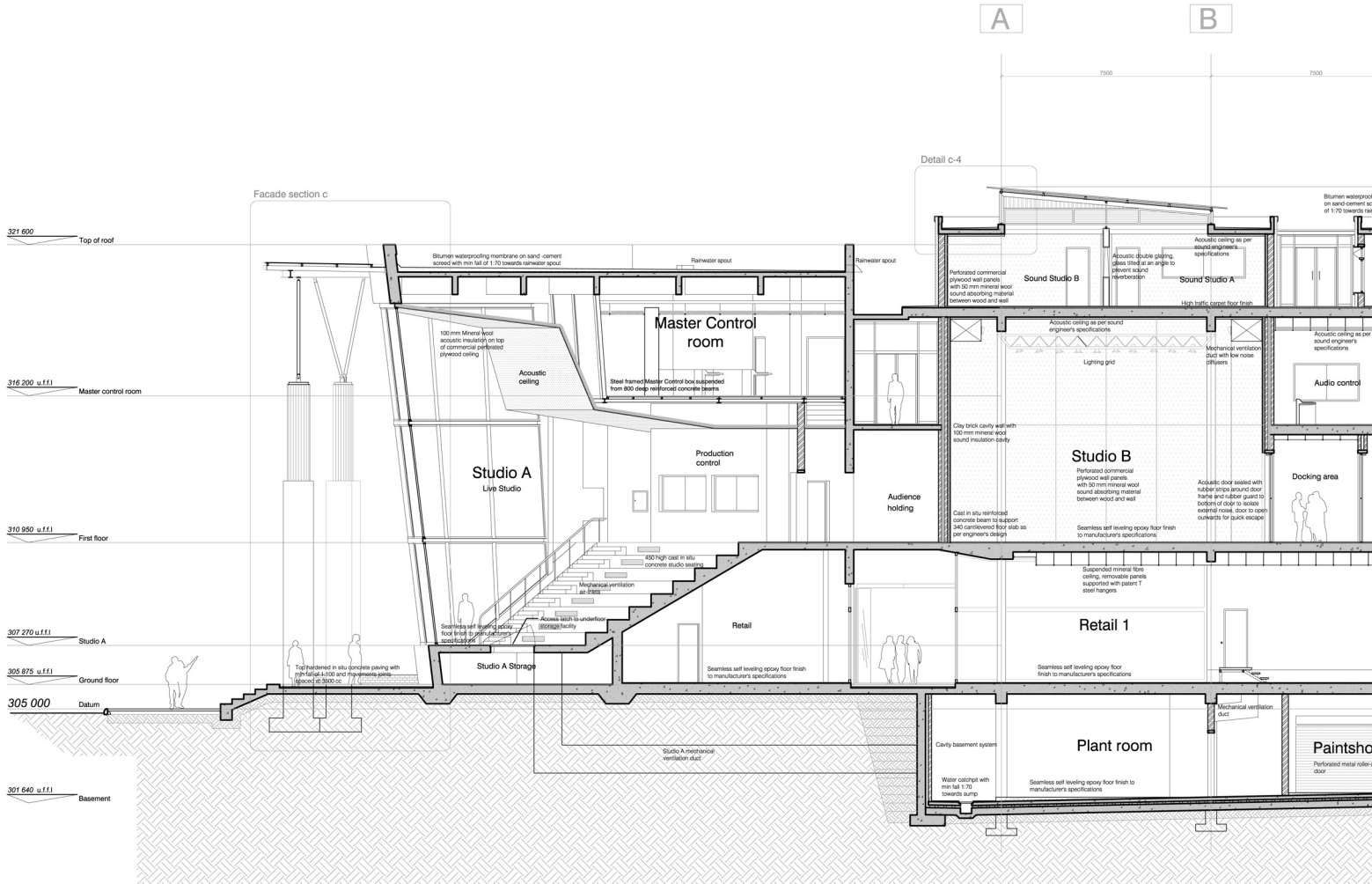
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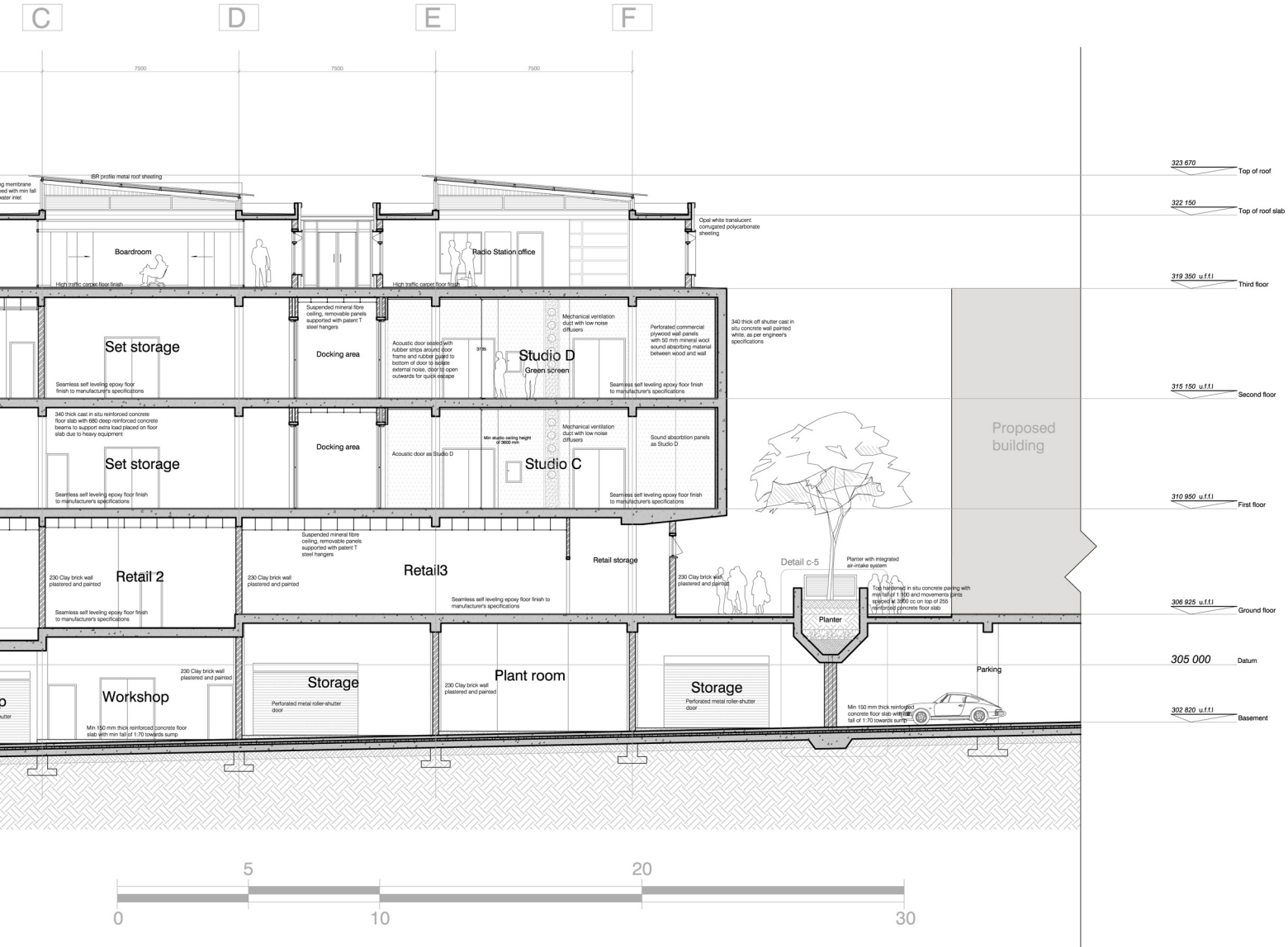


# SECTION A-A





# SECTION C-C

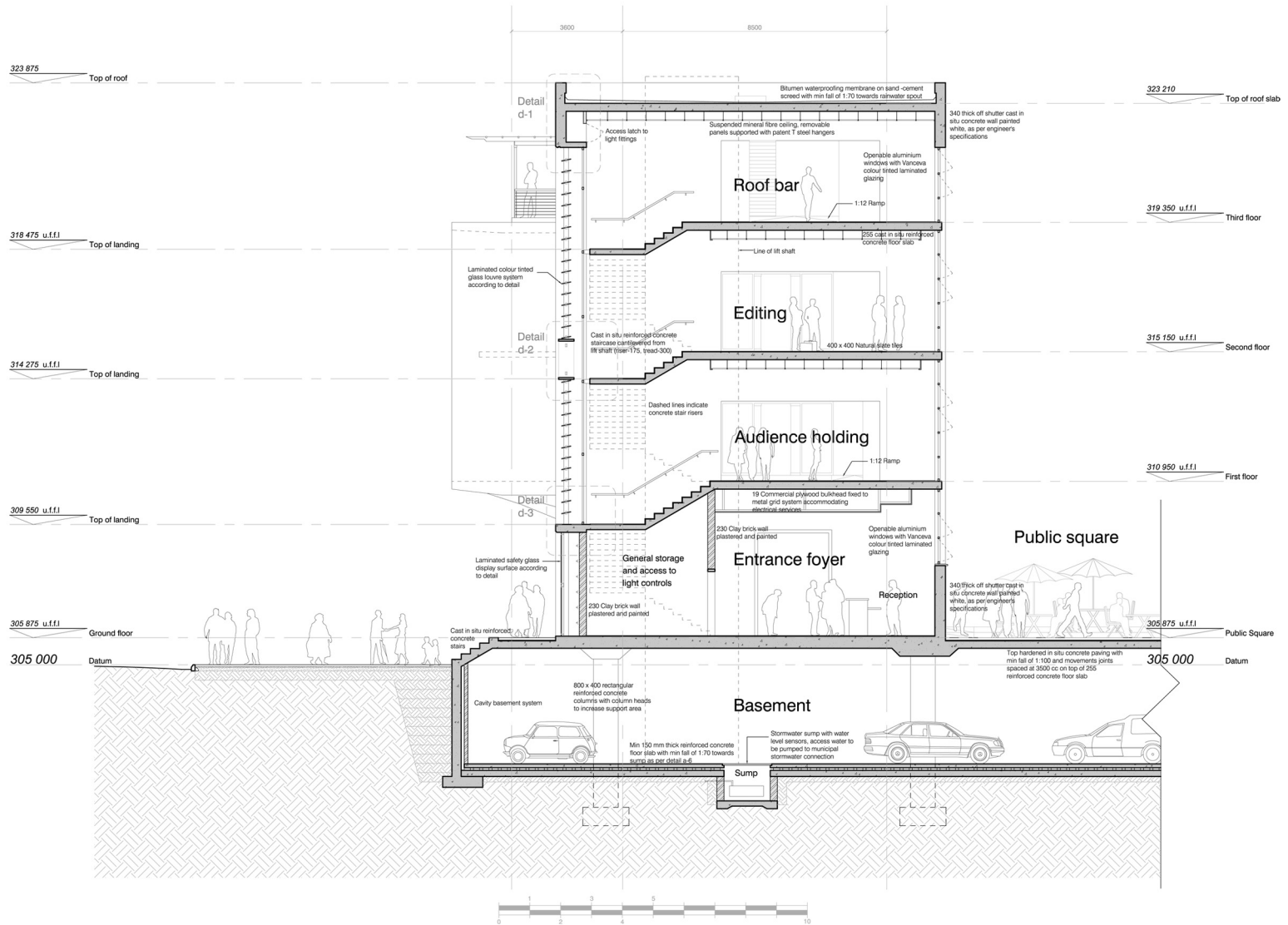




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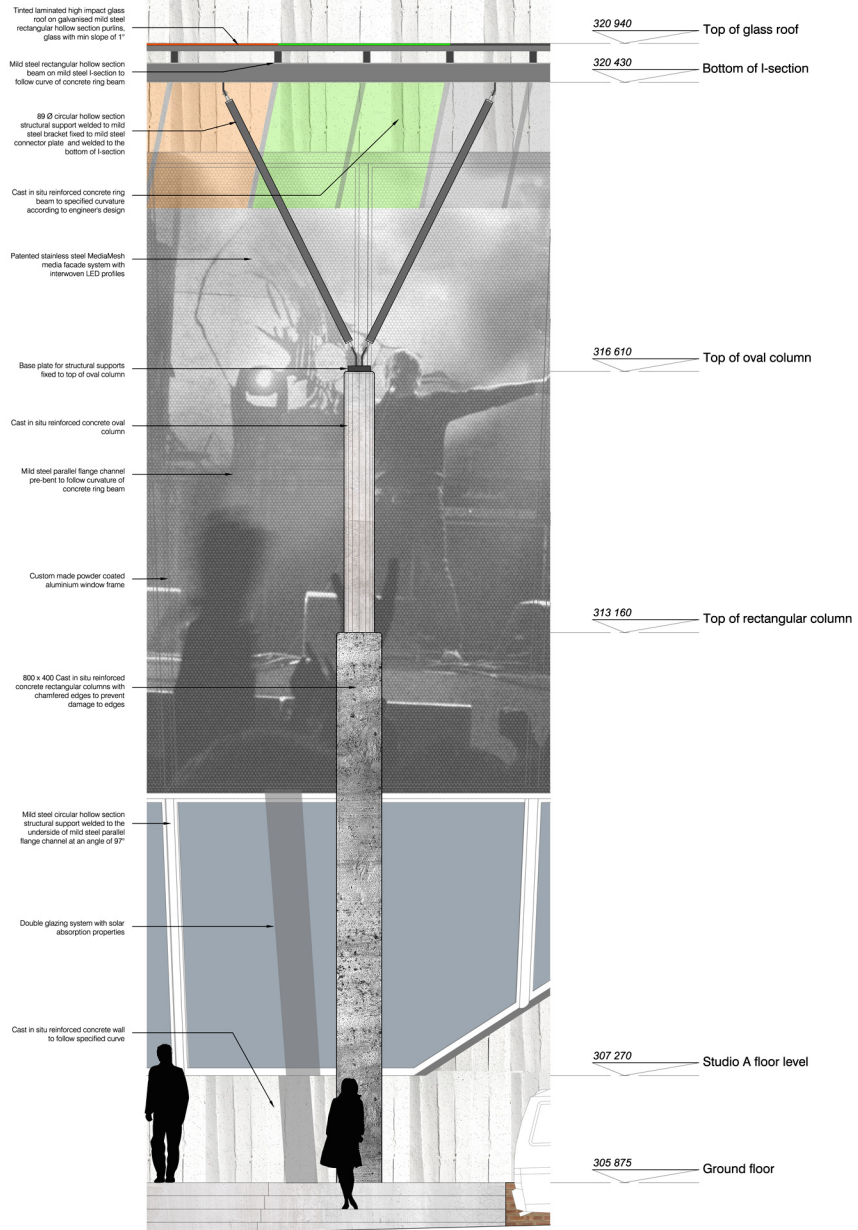
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## SECTION D-D



COLUMN ELEVATION





Tinted laminated high impact glass roof on galvanneised mild steel rectangular ho...  
 glass with 1mm ...  
 2100 x 340 ca...  
 concrete ring t...  
 concrete acc...  
 design



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Blumen water on sand-corne of 1:70 toward according to ...  
 170 thick cast-in-place concrete roof regular interval reinforced con...  
 Acoustic ceiling 100 mm thick perforated or perforated ceiling anchored to U...  
 roof slab

Custom made powder coated aluminium window frame with solar absorption double glazing system

Perforated stainless steel Mesh/Mesh media facade with interwoven LED profiles fixed to studio structure with stainless steel clamps

Mild steel circular hollow section (CHS) with 100 mm diameter of mild steel parallel flange channel at 97° angle

Mild steel parallel flange channel present to follow curvature of concrete ring beam

311 100

Top of channel

307 270 u.f.f.l

Studio A

305 675 u.f.f.l

Ground floor

305 000

Datum



Studio A

Line of vision

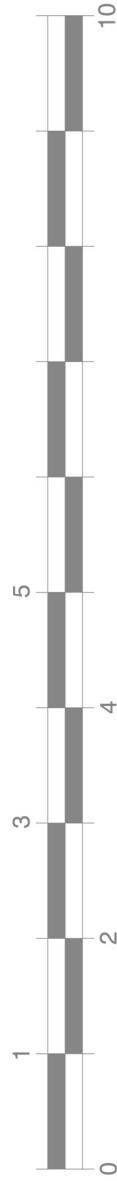
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Line of vision

Studio A  
storage

N.G.L

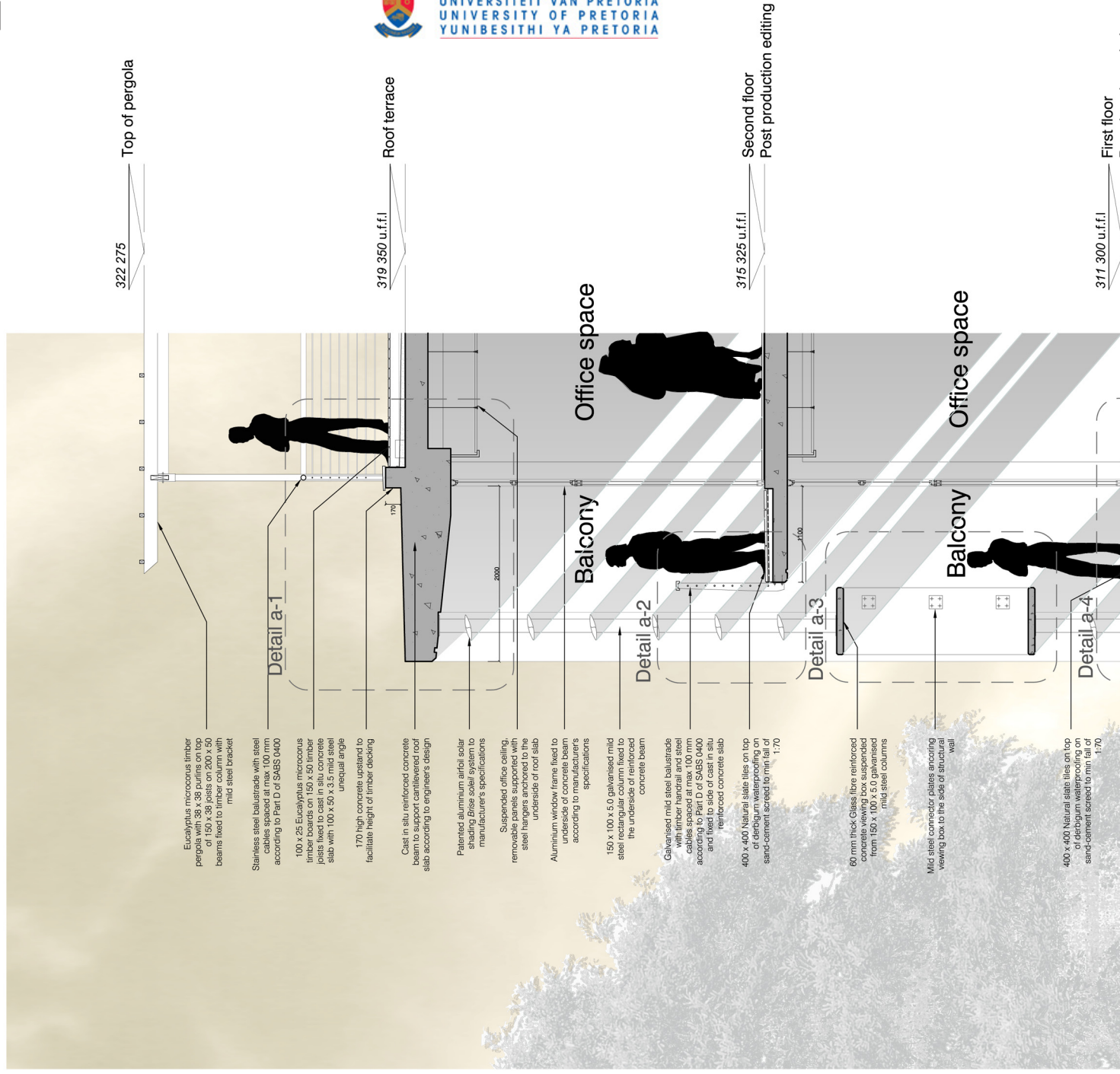
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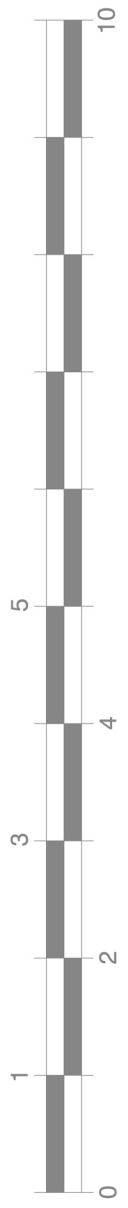
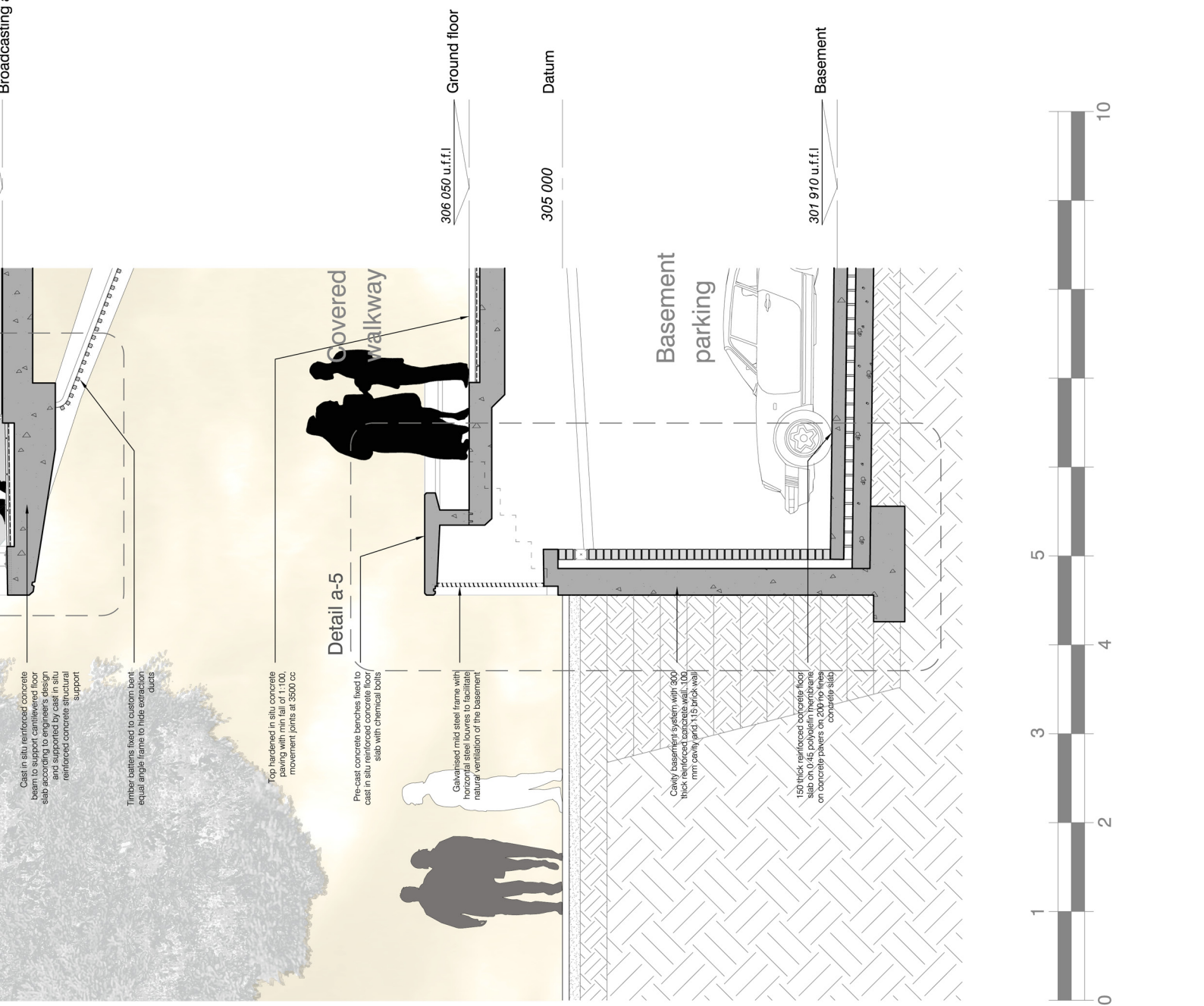


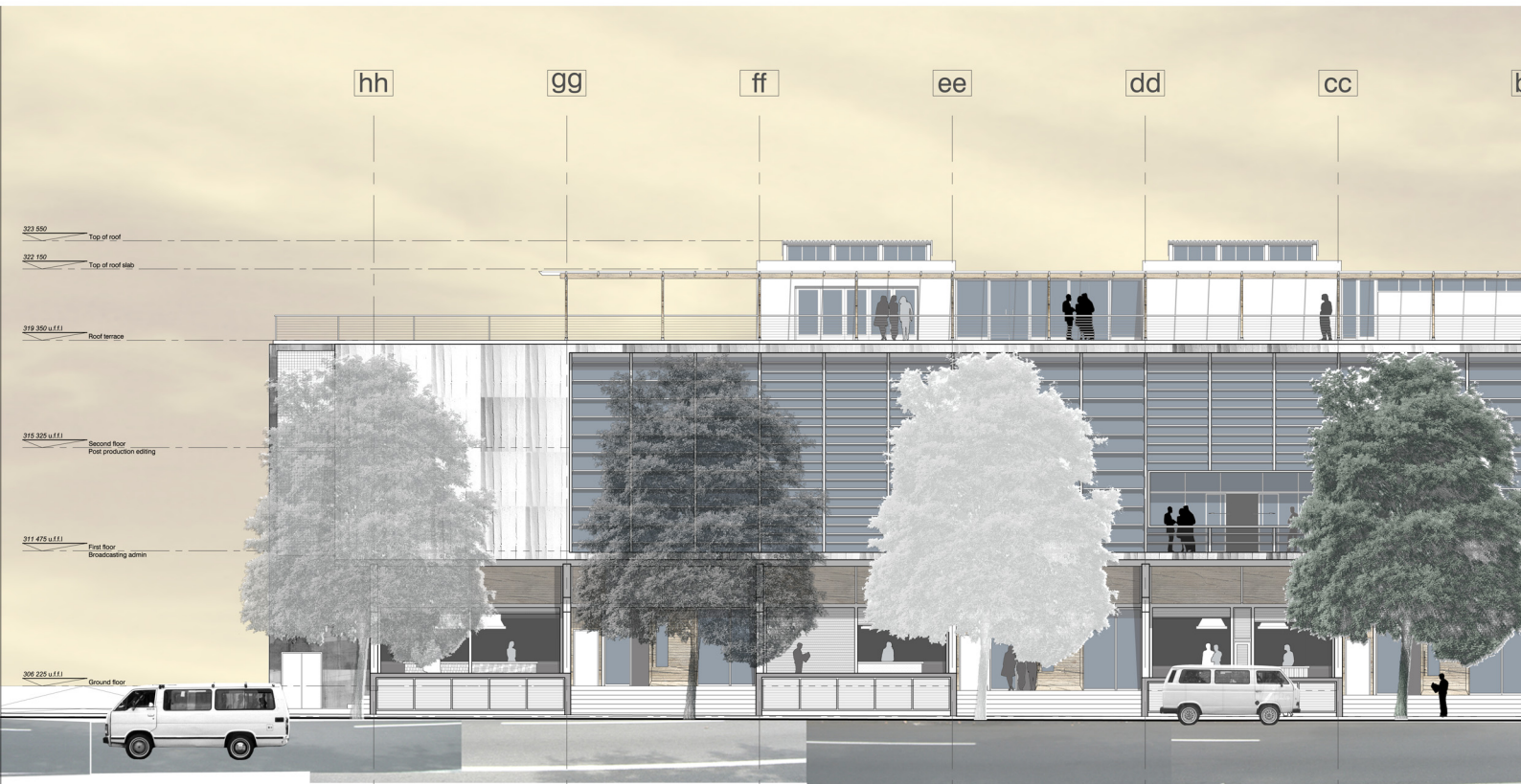
Mild steel reinforcement bars welded to base galvanneal mild steel reinforcement

Steel reinforced concrete floor leveling epoxy

Top hardened paving with movement joint



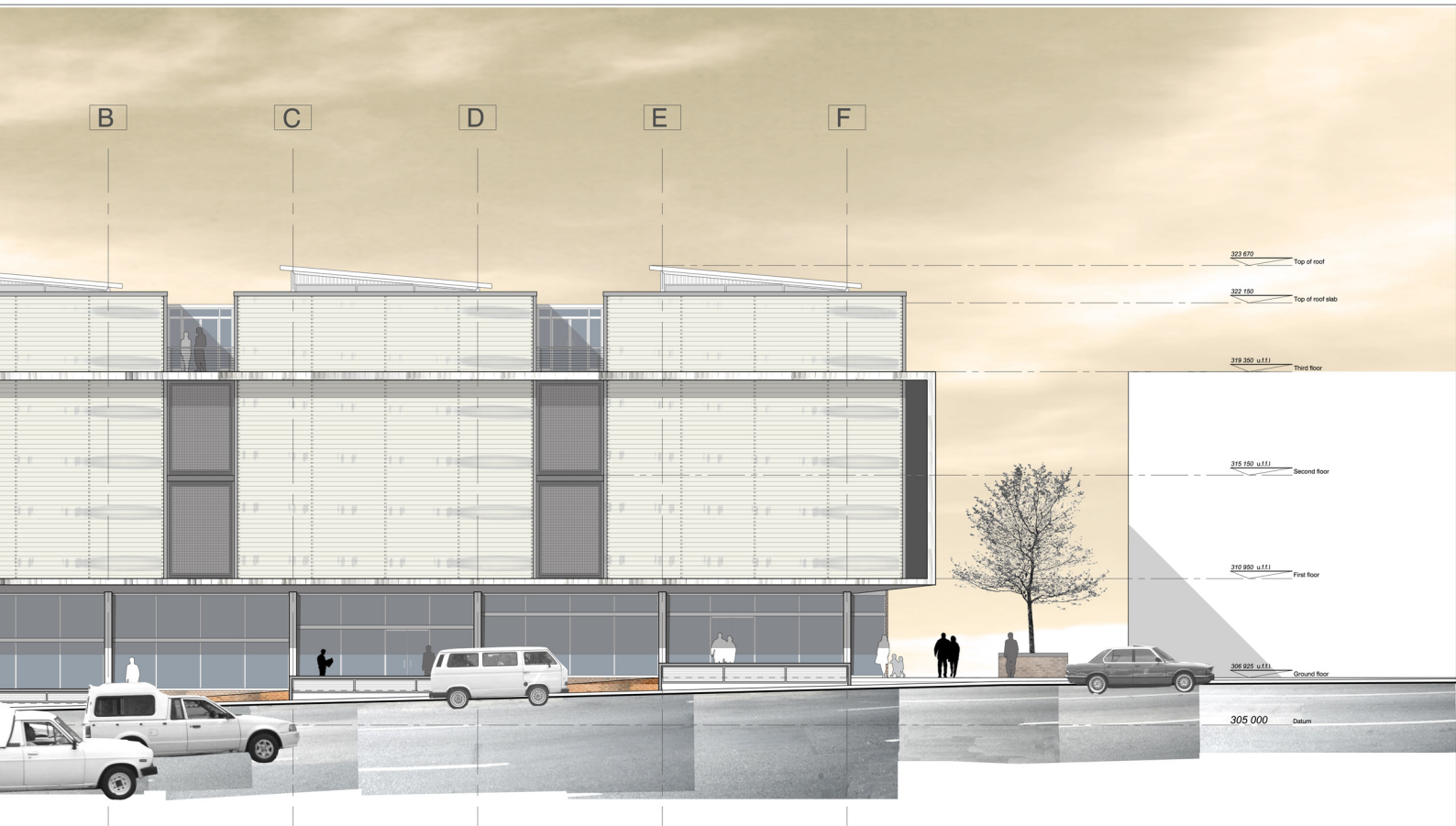


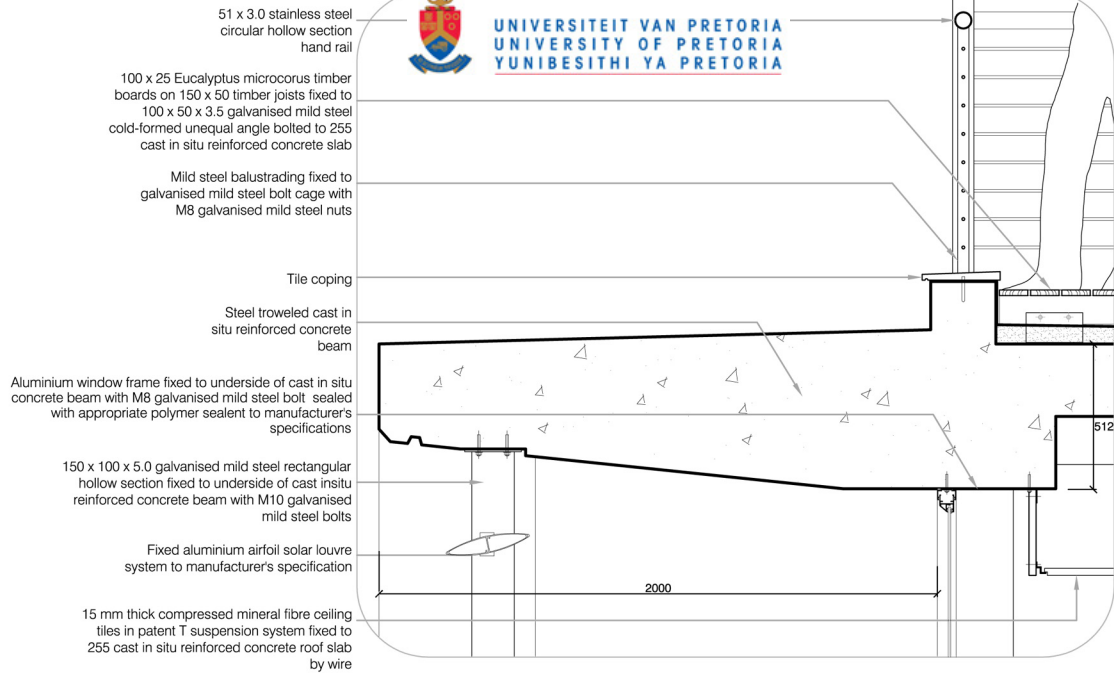


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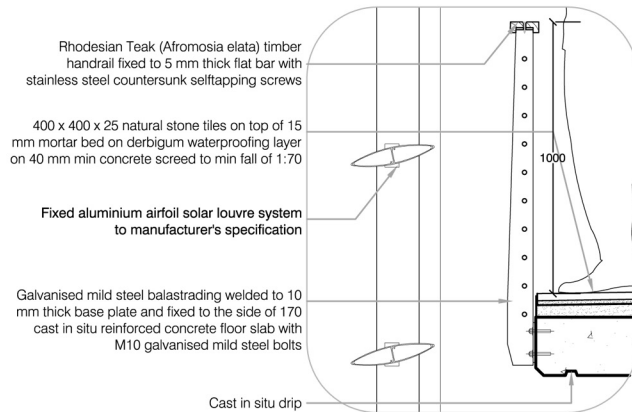




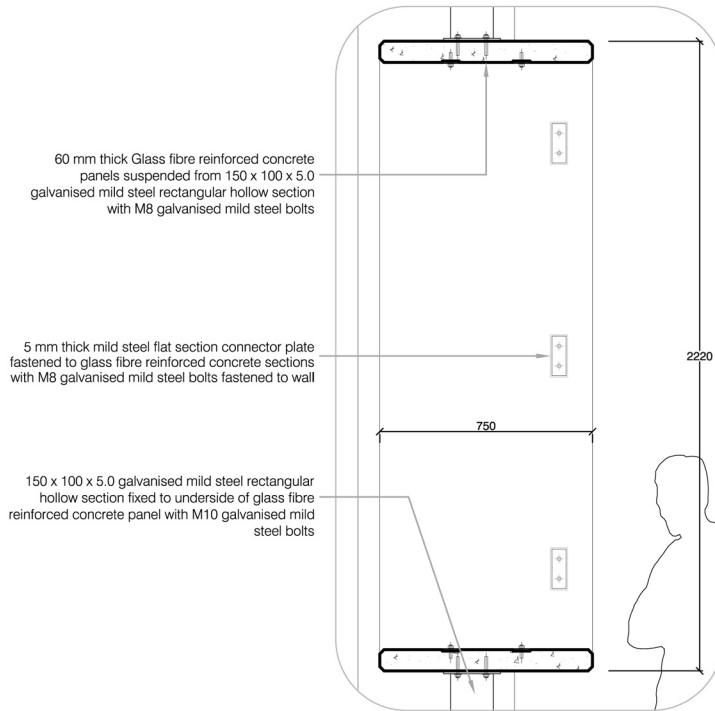




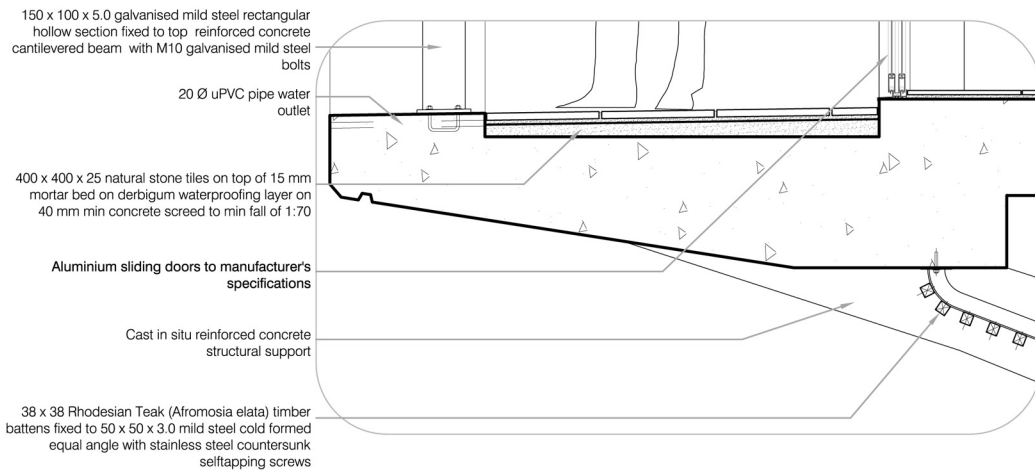
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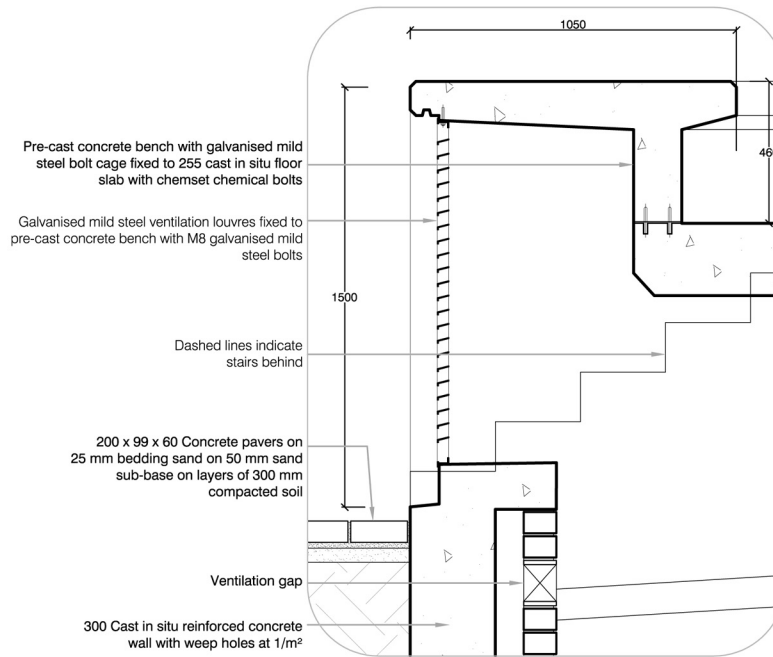
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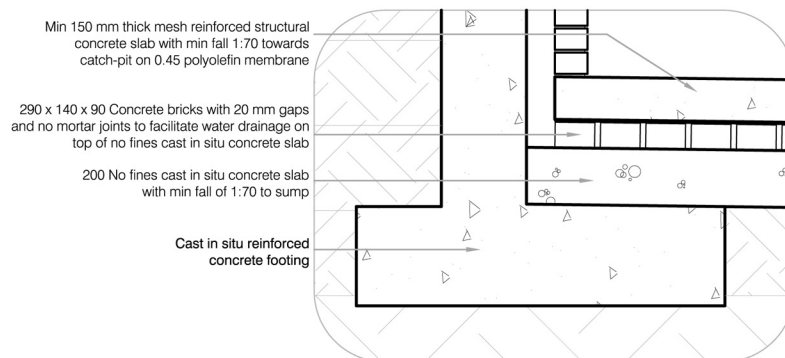
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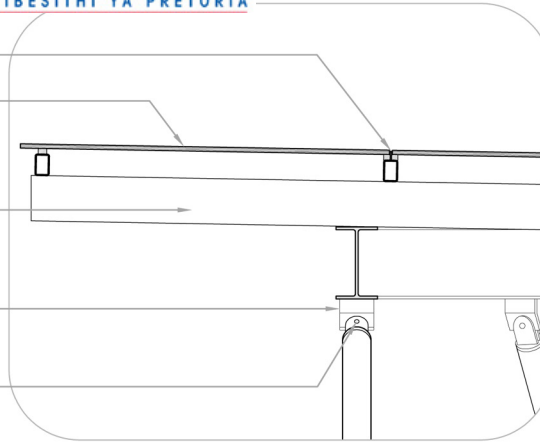
3 mm thick mild steel flat bar welded on top of 76 x 50 x 3.0 galvanised mild steel rectangular hollow section purlins @ 1200 cc

2300 x 1200 x 13 ColourVue tinted polyvinyl butyral laminated high impact glazing separated from galvanised mild steel purlins with neoprene spacer and sealed with appropriate polymer sealant

160 x 80 x 5.0 galvanised mild steel rectangular hollow section beam on top of 254 x 146 x 37 kg/m galvanised mild steel parallel flange I-section pre-bent to follow curve

10 mm thick galvanised mild steel connector plate welded to the underside of I-section

Purpose made 10 mm thick galvanised mild steel bracket welded to 89 x 5.0 galvanised mild steel circular hollow section structural support and fixed to connector plate with M12 mild steel bolts



detail c-1(i)

Bitumen impregnated torch-on waterproofing membrane on concrete screed min 40mm with min fall of 1:70 towards rainwater inlet strictly to manufacturer's specifications

340 Cast in situ reinforced concrete ring beam

0.6 galvanised steel sheet counter flashing

0.6 galvanised steel gutter

160 x 80 x 5.0 galvanised mild steel rectangular hollow section welded to 10 mm thick galvanised mild steel base plate fixed to concrete ring beam with chemset chemical bolts

100 mm thick mineral wool acoustic insulation on top of 19 mm perforated commercial plywood ceiling boards fixed to metal steel grid system and suspended from concrete roof slab

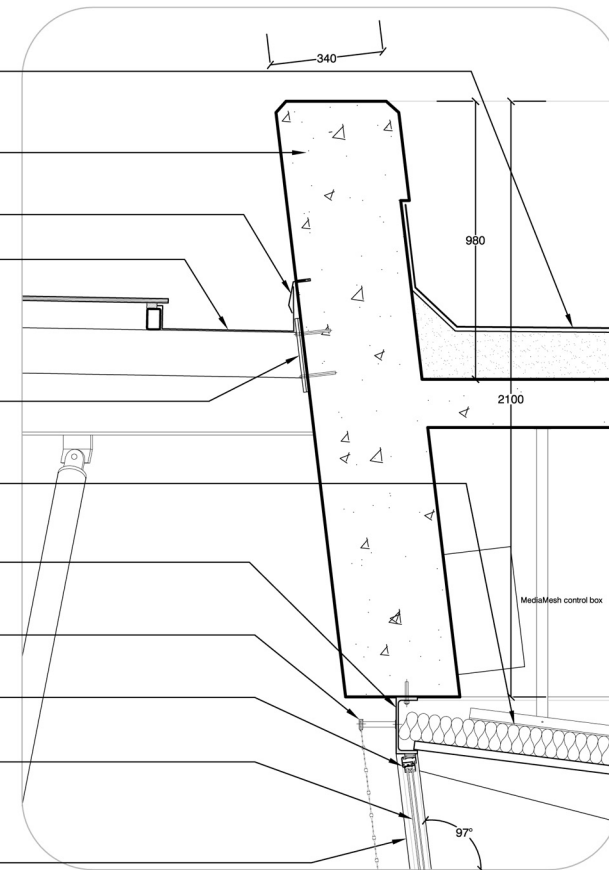
200 x 75 x 24.3 kg/m mild steel parallel flange channel pre-bent to follow curve of concrete ring beam and fixed to cast in situ concrete ring beam with M10 galvanised mild steel bolts

Patented stainless steel MediaMesh media facade system with interwoven LED profiles fixed to stainless steel clamps and fixed to mild steel parallel flange channel

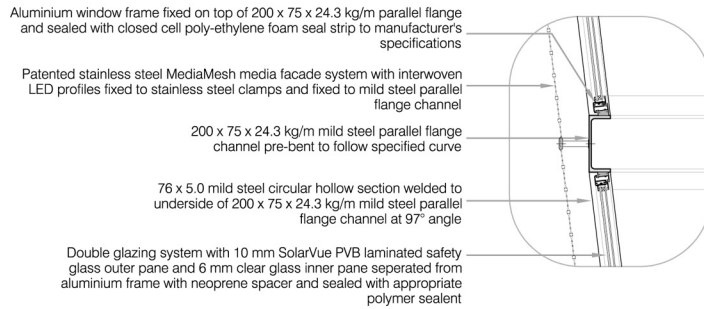
Aluminium window frame fixed to underside of 200 x 75 x 24.3 kg/m parallel flange and sealed with close cell poly-ethylene foam seal strip to manufacturer's specifications

Double glazing system with 10 mm SolarVue PVB laminated safety glass outer pane and 6 mm clear glass inner pane separated from aluminium frame with neoprene spacer and sealed with appropriate polymer sealant

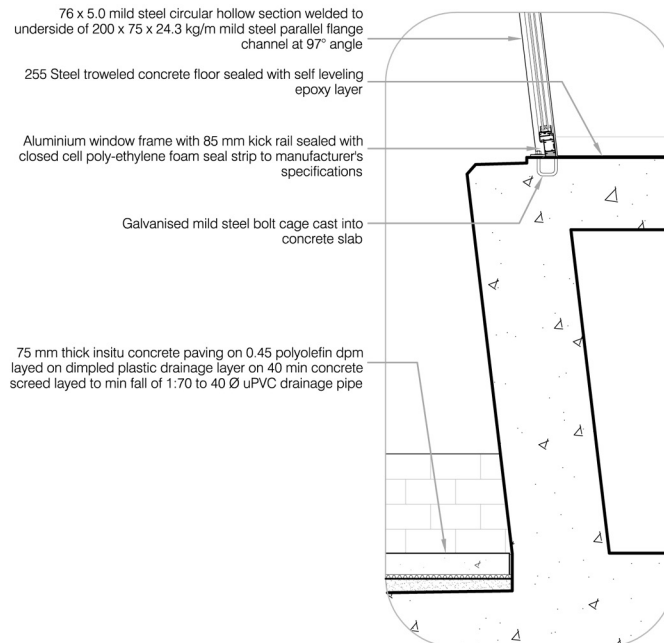
76 x 5.0 mild steel circular hollow section welded to underside of 200 x 75 x 24.3 kg/m mild steel parallel flange channel at 97° angle



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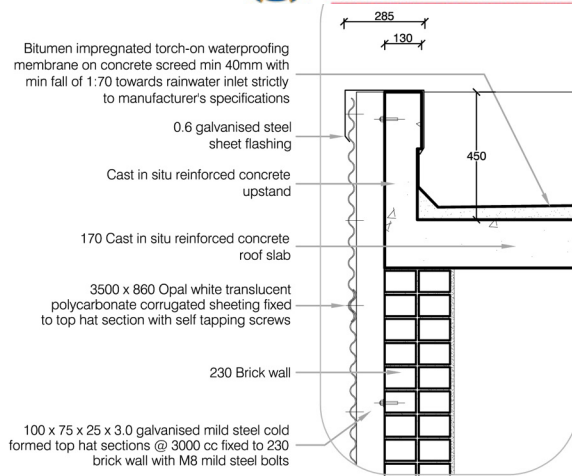


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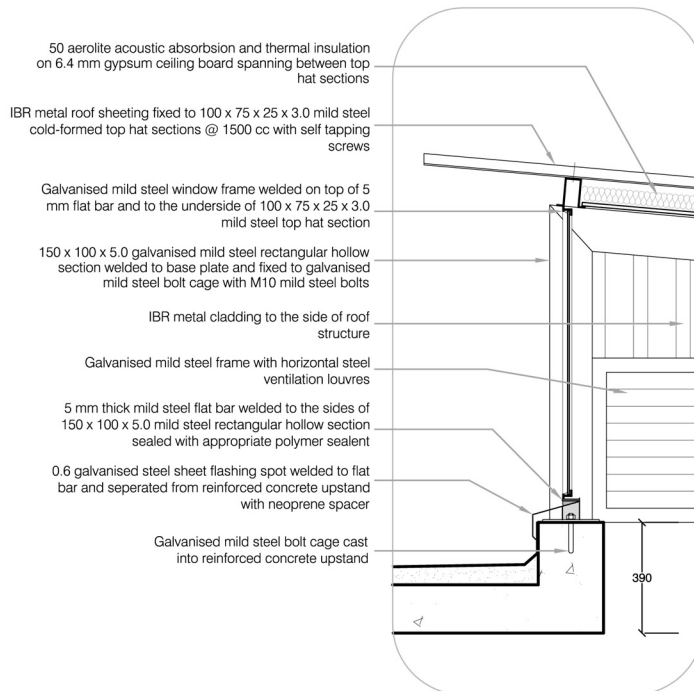


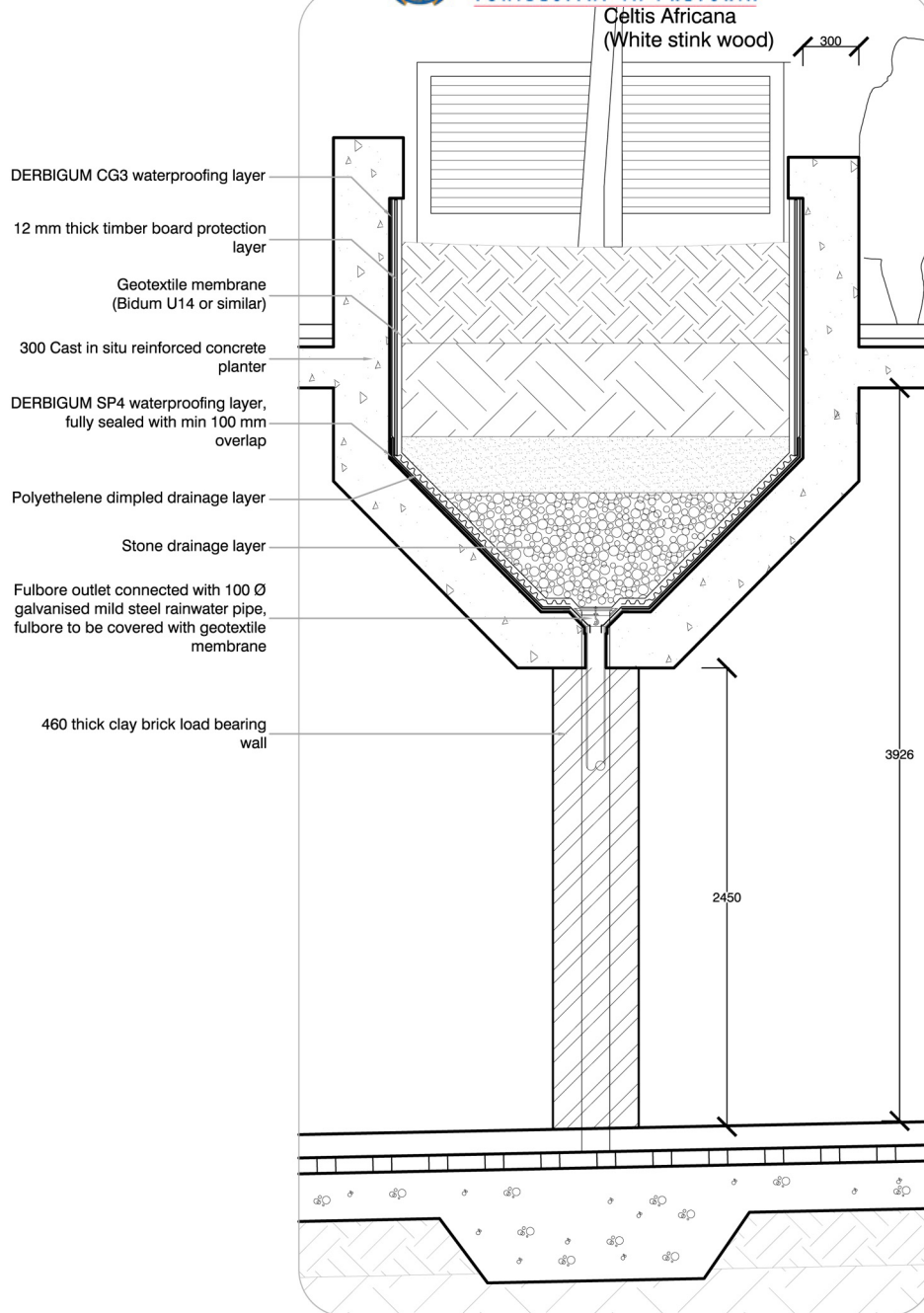
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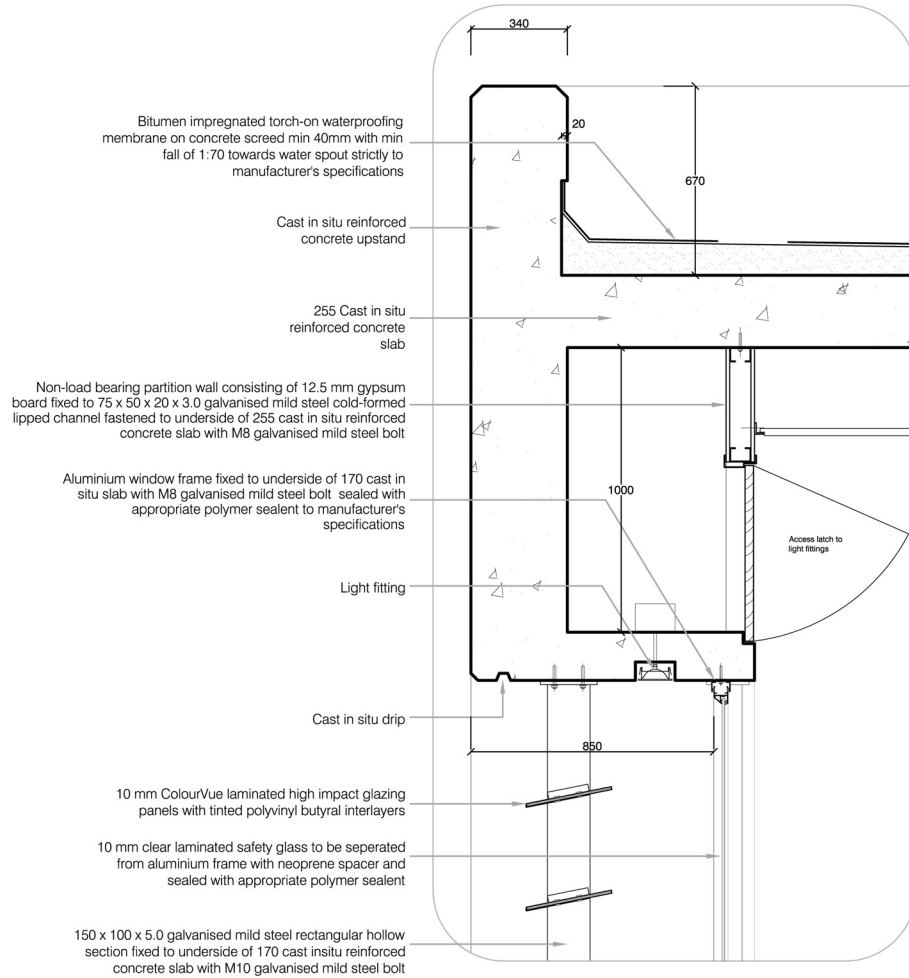


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detail c-5



detail d-1



10 mm ColourVue laminated high  
with tinted polt

150 x 100 x 5.0 galvanised mild steel rectangular hollow  
section fixed to underside of 170 cast insitu reinforced  
concrete slab with M10 galvanised mild steel bolt

60 mm thick Glass fibre reinforced concrete panels  
fixed to 150 x 100 x 5.0 galvanised mild steel  
rectangular hollow section with M8 galvanised mild  
steel bolts

5 mm thick mild steel flat section connector plate  
fastened to glass fibre reinforced concrete  
sections with M8 galvanised mild steel bolts

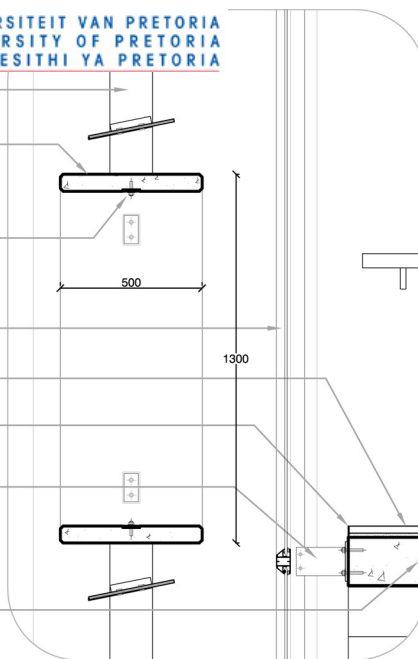
10 mm clear laminated safety glass to be seperated  
from aluminium frame with neoprene spacer and sealed  
with appropriate polymer sealent

400 x 400 Natural slate tiles on top of derbigum  
waterproofing on sand-cement screed to min fall of 1:70

40 x 40 x 3.0 galvanised mild steel  
cold-formed equal angle

Aluminium mullion fixed with 180 x 100 x 3.0 mild steel bracket  
spot welded to 140 x 140 x 5.0 mild steel base plate fixed to 170  
cast in situ reinforced concrete landing with M10 galvanised mild  
steel bolts for structural stability

170 Cast in situ  
reinforced concrete  
landing



detail d-2

10 mm ColourVue laminated high impact glazing  
panels with tinted polyvinyl butyral interlayers

10 mm clear laminated safety glass to be seperated  
from aluminium frame with neoprene spacer and sealed  
with appropriate polymer sealent

Aluminium window frame with 85 mm kick rail sealed  
with appropriate polymer sealent

150 x 100 x 5.0 galvanised mild steel rectangular  
hollow section welded to 10mm thick base plate  
fastened to galvanised mild steel bolt cage with  
M10 nut

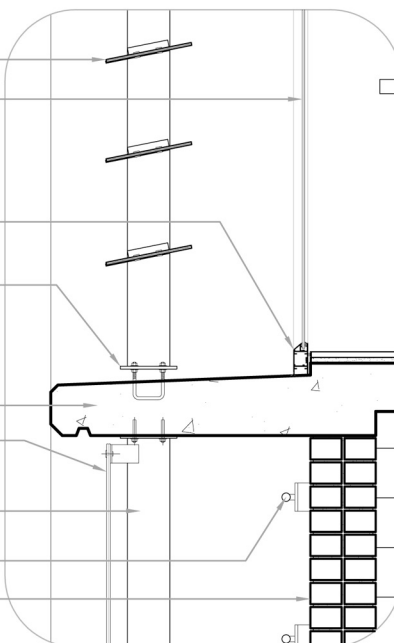
170 Steel troweled cast in situ reinforced concrete slab

10 mm opaque white laminated safety glass fixed to 5mm thick  
mild steel bracket with M8 alan key counter sunk galvanised mild  
steel bolts spot welded to rectangular hollow section

150 x 100 x 5.0 galvanised mild steel rectangular hollow  
section fixed to underside of 170 cast insitu reinforced  
concrete slab with M10 galvanised mild steel bolt

Surface mounted single tube  
fluorescent light fitting

230 Brick wall



detail d-3



## Recording Studio Acoustics

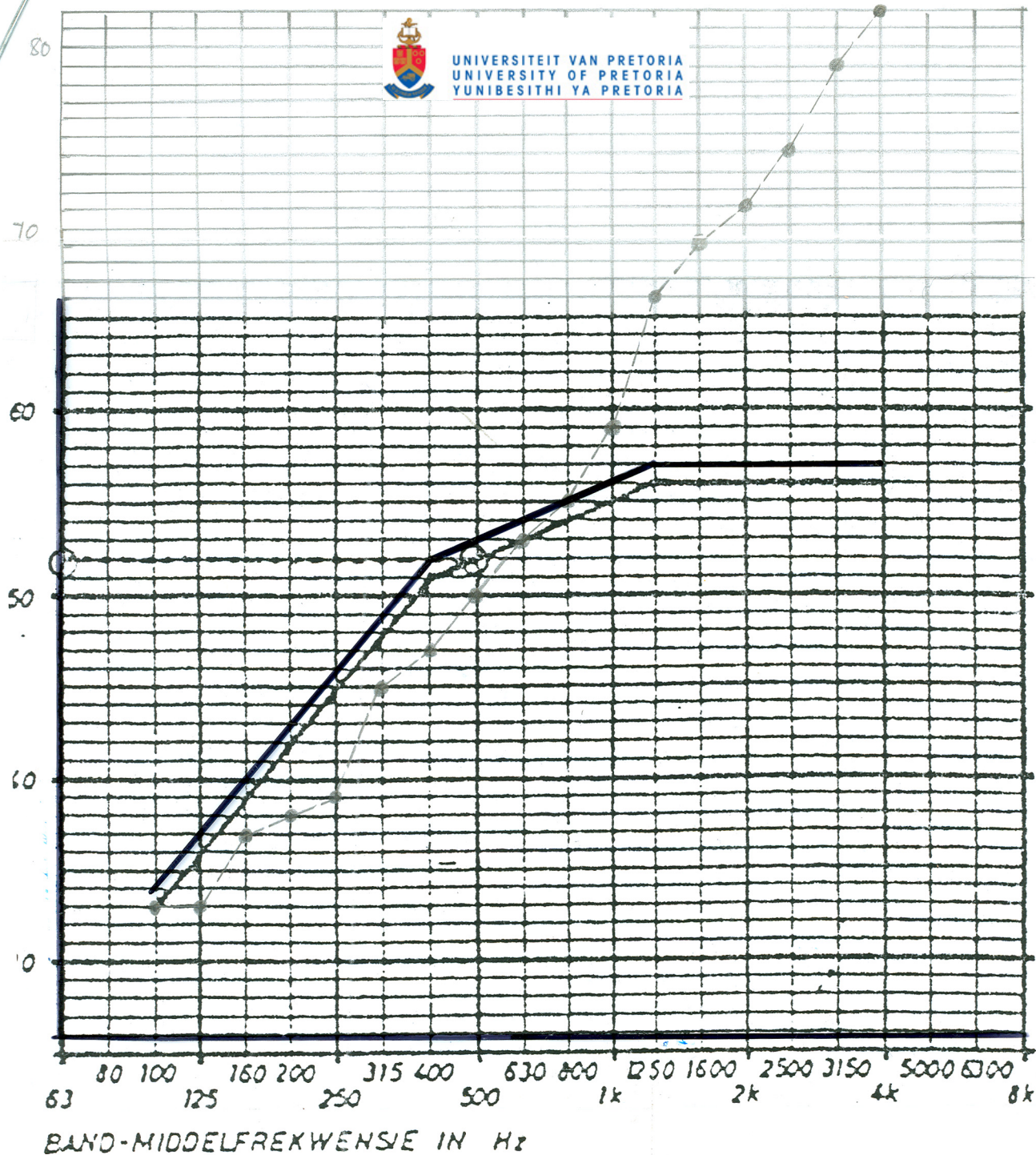
It is of crucial importance for television studios to have the desired sound levels in order to achieve the optimum quality product. Intrusive external noise as well as structure-borne sound transmissions should be kept to a minimum. This can be best achieved by creating a structurally solid structure which houses the recording studios.

The wall construction of the recording studios consist of a 330 mm brick cavity wall with a 100 mm mineral wool sound insulation cavity. This prevents the majority of external noise entering the recording studios. Fixed to the internal face of the cavity walls are 50 mm mineral wool blankets with black fabric covering; 125 x 50 x 25 x 2.5 cold-formed top hat sections are fixed to the cavity wall but isolated from the structure with neoprene seals to prevent the occurrence of structural noise; 8 x 2500 x 2000 perforated commercial plywood panels are fixed to the top hat sections, with a gap of 75 mm between the plywood and the mineral wool blankets. The perforated panels allow sound to enter the panels and dissipate between the plywood and the mineral wool blankets, giving the recording studio the desired sound absorption qualities.

The glass façade of studio A consists of a double glazing system angled at 97° to prevent the occurrence of standing waves. Double glazing is a good insulator against external noise. The cavity between the glass panes is supplied with copper sulphite in order to absorb any moisture within the cavity. Studio A is also supplied with an acoustic ceiling consisting of 8 mm thick perforated commercial plywood panels fixed to steel grid and suspended from the concrete roof slab. 100 mm mineral wool sound absorption blankets are placed on top of the perforated plywood panels.

The equipment used within the recording studios requires a level floor surface. A seamless self leveling epoxy floor finish is applied to the reinforced concrete floor structure to minimise discrepancies in floor level differences.

All studio access points have acoustic double doors with a cavity between them. The acoustic doors are sealed with 25 mm neoprene seals between the door and the doorjamb.



$I_a$ -standaardkromme

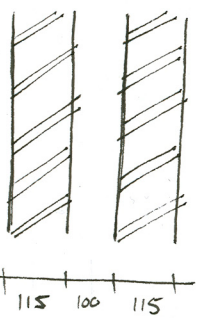


Move up 1dB : average deviation = 1,94

$I_a$  = standardised level difference

$I_a = 53 \text{ dB}$

$M_a = +1$



Cavity width	Increase of $\bar{R}$ in dB
100 mm	+ 8 dB

Frequency [Hz]	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	630	800	1K	1250	1600	2K	2500	3150	4K
115-100-115 Plastered; with wall ties	33	33	37	38	39	45	47	50	53	55	59	66	69	71	74	79	82

	Design Rating level $L_r$ for ambient noise dBA	Max Rating level $L_r$
Television Studio	25	30
Urban districts	Rating level $L_r$ for ambient noise dBA 60	

$I_a = 53 \text{ dB}$

$\therefore 60 - 53 = 7 \text{ dB}$  Intrusive external noise entering the recording studio



Noise generated by lighting and HVAC

$$L_r = 10 \log \left( 10 \frac{7}{10} + 10 \frac{x}{10} \right)$$

$x$  = noise in dB generated by lighting + HVAC.

$$L_r = 25 \text{ dB}$$

$$L_x = 10 \log \left( 10 \frac{25}{10} - 10 \frac{7}{10} \right)$$

$$= 24,9 \text{ dB}$$

Maximum noise generated by lighting and HVAC  
 is 24,9 dB.

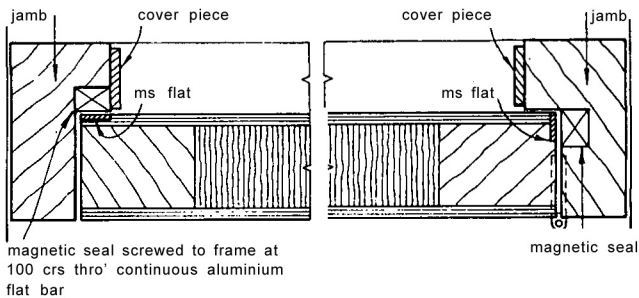


Fig. 7.18 Typical plan and section through an acoustic door

