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SEKELA XABISO OPENS ITS DOORS IN WAVERLEY OFFICE PARK

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Sekela Xabiso has recently moved in to its new head office in Waverley Office Park, the first phase of which is now complete. The first two buildings in this office park consist of 5 000 m² of space across two buildings. Barrow Properties recently leased the bulk of Building 1 to auditing firm Sekela Xabiso with 1 500 m² still available for lease in the office park.

Position remains one of the strongest factors for commercial properties especially in Johannesburg where quick and easy access to main arterial routes provides much needed relief from traffic congestion and time-consuming delays. In line with this, Barrow Properties has developed a new office park – Waverley Office Park – where the recently completed building's glass façade has already become a recognisable landmark.

The excellent visibility and accessibility afforded by its prime location alongside the M1 highway with its close proximity to the Corlett Drive on- and off-ramp has created significant interest in the development. It is placed directly opposite the well-known Melrose Arch precinct, albeit at far more attractive rental rates, while still having access to the business and lifestyle amenities afforded by this urban centre.

Looking at the style of the building Architect Ivan Schlapobersky describes it as 'modern' and explains that the philosophy behind the design was to maximise the view over the M1 towards Sandton, while also creating an energy efficient building. "This proved quite a challenge but was achieved by creating a double glass façade on the west of the building facing the highway, with a space of 1m between the facades.

"This had the effect of deflecting the heat of the sun while still capturing the view allowing the cars on the Highway to appear as if they were dancing across the reflective outer glass façade!"

He adds that both buildings within the development also make maximum use of the rooftops for entertainment with stunning views over Sandton. Facilities on the roof include lawn, braais and built in kitchens with a covered roof in Building 1 and a pergola in Building 2.

Construction is commencing on the second phase of the Waverley Office Park. Two more buildings with highway frontage will be added to the office park providing an additional 5 500m² of rentable office space. These buildings are ideally suited to tenants looking for 2000m² or 3500m² in standalone buildings.

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