



LEMEG PROJECT EXPERIENCE

ASSIGNMENT NAME

City of Polokwane: Corporate Office - Rates Hall

APPROXIMATE VALUE OF PROJECT

R10 Million

NAME OF FIRM

LEMEG Architects

LOCATION WITHIN COUNTRY

Polokwane, Limpopo, South Africa

DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT (PRE-CONTRACT)

3 Months

NAME OF CLIENT

City of Polokwane Municipality

START & COMPLETION DATE

Victor Kekana

NO. OF STAFF-MONTHS

January 2014 – Current

PROFESSIONAL STAFF PROVIDED BY LEMEG

6 Months

NAME OF SENIOR STAFF (Project director/coordinator, team leader involved and functions performed)

Sydney Lefifi: Design Architect

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

This 240m² public space was originally constructed in 1997 as an addition to the 40 year old civic centre. This space was designed for a small population within Polokwane and was a very dark space with a busy appearance. The brief was to transform this space into a positive for the public with a feel of openness. The concept was to simply create a bright space. This was achieved effortlessly by first highlighting the teller points, redefining the queuing setup, creating public pause areas and simply making everything white. A new white ceiling was constructed with a re-routed air-conditioning system to achieve the most favourable thermal comfort even during peak periods.

A band of Perspex panels with artwork was introduced immediately below the ceiling. This creates privacy to the offices located above the public gallery while enhancing the view from within the gallery. The teller points are emphasized as an extrusion into the gallery with elaborate lettering. The floor surface is created as a grid of white polished tiles speckled with black inserts of tiles. This grid is further enhanced by a random seating arrangement and stainless steel rails.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTUAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY STAFF

Pre-Contract Services: Project Inception & Appraisal, Concept & Design Development, Technical & Procurement Documentation

Post-Contract Services: Construction Phase Contract Administration & Technical Inspections and Quality Control