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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND  
15 MERCER STREET  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To:



Ontario Heritage Foundation

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on the 3rd and 4th days of February, 1992 decided to designate the lands and buildings known as 15 Mercer Street (Pilkington Glass Building).

Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The property at 15 Mercer Street (the portion with a convenience address of 31 Mercer Street) is recommended for designation for architectural reasons. The Pilkington Glass Building was constructed in 1938-39 according to the designs of the Toronto architectural firm of Horwood and White. The building contained the offices of Pilkington Brothers (Canada) Limited, a subsidiary of the British manufacturer of glass and related materials, and served as a showcase for their products.

The Pilkington Glass Building displays the smooth-faced surfaces, horizontal emphasis, and glass and steel accents identified with the Art Deco style. The two-storey structure is clad with cut limestone with decorative detail along the copper-trimmed roof. On the principal (north) facade, a combination of tripartite and commercial windows contains glass block. The main entrance, placed in the left bay at street level, is embellished with black vitrolite. Significant interior spaces are the vestibule, lobby and stairway featuring etched and mirrored glass, black and coloured vitrolite, and glass fixtures.

The Pilkington Glass Building, located on the south side of Mercer Street, forms part of a historic streetscape. The building is an excellent illustration of the integration of Art Deco elements on the interior and exterior. The extensive and unique use of a variety of glass products in an artistic manner makes the interior one of the City's most significant examples of specialized glass usage.

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The Toronto Historical Board's Heritage Property Report respecting the property is available for viewing at the City Clerk's Department at City Hall and the offices of the Toronto Historical Board.

Notice of the objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty days of the 18th day of February, 1992.

Dated at Toronto this 13th day of February, 1992.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Caplan".

Barbara G. Caplan  
City Clerk