

BUSINESS SURVEY RESULTS

Results - Taxi	1	2	3	4	5
Sales House	3	2		1	1
Jet	6	1	2	1	1
Mr Price	1	2		2	2
Bee Gee	1	1	1		
Pep	1	2			2
Shoprite	10	5	1	4	
Clicks	2	3	3	1	2
Supermart	2	2	3	2	3
Diskom	2	3	2	1	2
Ellerines	1			1	
Chicken Licken	4	1	6	2	
Pie City	4		1	2	

Results - Station	1	2	3	4	5
Sales House	1		3	4	1
Jet	6	2	2	4	1
Mr Price	1	6	2		4
Bee Gee	2	1	1	1	1
Pep	2		2	1	2
Shoprite	11	5	4	2	
Clicks	2	2	2	2	
Supermart	4	5	2	1	1
Diskom	3		3		2
Ellerines	1				1
Chicken Licken	2	1	1	4	3
Pie City	1	2		2	3

Results Combined	1	2	3	4	5
Sales House	4	2	3	5	2
Jet	12	3	4	5	2
Mr Price	2	8	2	2	6
Bee Gee	3	2	2	1	1
Pep	3	2	2	1	4
Shoprite	21	10	5	6	0
Clicks	4	5	5	3	2
Supermart	6	7	5	3	4
Diskom	5	3	5	1	4
Ellerines	2	0	0	1	1
Chicken Licken	6	2	7	6	3
Pie City	5	2	1	4	3

Establishment	Weighting					Total
	5	4	3	2	1	
Sales House	20	8	9	10	2	49
Jet	60	12	12	10	2	96
Mr Price	10	32	6	4	6	58
Bee Gee	15	8	6	2	1	32
Pep	15	8	6	2	4	35
Shoprite	105	40	15	12	0	172
Clicks	20	20	15	6	2	63
Supermart	30	28	15	6	4	83
Diskom	25	12	15	2	4	58
Ellerines	10	0	0	2	1	13
Chicken Licken	30	8	21	12	3	74
Pie City	25	8	3	8	3	47

FARADAY PRECINCT ENQUIRY INTO BUSINESSES ON PUTCO LAND

On 6th November 2001, a second visit was made to the small businesses operating on Putco land at Faraday precinct by Annabell Lebethe, Todd Lethata and Josie Adler. The purpose was to remind those operators who had previously been met, and to introduce to newcomers, to the proposed new development in the area. It is intended that Albonico Sack and MMA architects make appointments to show the plans and discuss possible incorporation of the small businesses into the project.

In addition, a telephone conversation was held with Tony Sivewright of Putco, who informed the team as follows:

- Putco currently has three tenants on the property, Thandi Dlomo, Abel Mathebula and Matty Gabela.
- They are all on monthly tenancies.
- The total rental income is approximately R 9 000, including light/water (although there are often arrears).
- The whole property costs Putco R 20 000 per month (rates, light/water, etc).
- Matty Gabela and Abel Mathebula have taken over the businesses from their former employers in the last year to eighteen months. These are Combined Cleaners and Mr Kassen respectively. Thandi Dlomo has taken over the restaurant from Mr Costa.

All interviewees were keen to meet and discuss the redevelopment. Tony Sivewright said Putco has an offer from the Council which is "keen", and said he is very hopeful that Putco "gets rid of the land;" or else Putco may need to demolish the buildings and seal it off.

Contacts : Matty Gabela - available at the shop
 Thandi Dlomo - 082-764-0053
 Abel Mathebula and Siphon Mathebula – 334-8453
 Eddie at Unique Hair Salon – 334-0367

A brief resume of information supplied by each of the tenants follows.

Matty Gabela

Runs Combined Cleaners, now her own business, which she took over from Mr Nash. He still fetches her clothing for dry cleaning at the factory in Ophirton. She has worked in this business for 30 years, and is keen to know about the new plan and how she might fit in. She sublets a section of the shop to a tailor. Matty thinks she has a lease with Putco to May 2002.

Abel Mathebula

His business is Faraday Outfitters, where he worked from 1981, and which he has bought from the former owner, Mr Kassen. He is still paying Mr Kassen monthly instalments in respect of the purchase price. His phone number is 334-8453. His son Sipho, who has graduated from the Technikon is in the business. Mr Mathebula is a pensioner. He is not sure if his son will take over permanently. He sells electronic equipment as well as clothing, and does watch repairs.

Thandi Dlomo

Proprietor of Thandi's Tavern and Restaurant and Butchery and Taxi Owner/Panel Beater (and landlady to Unique Hair Salon).

Thandi lives in Turffontein and has run the Tavern on Council property across the road since 1995. She says her lease with the Council is for nine and a half years.

She recently took over the restaurant located on Putco land from Mr Costa. She believes she has a lease with Putco until May 2002.

She uses the premises she leases from Putco for the restaurant, a butchery, a large room in which she is currently setting up a public phone business, and a yard in which she has her taxis (4). It is not clear whether the taxis are her own or whether they belong to others and are being panel beaten in this yard.

In addition, next to her butchery, there is Unique Hair Salon, operated by Eddie. Tony Sivewright is unaware of this business as one of his tenants. It is possible that Thandi has sublet this room to Eddie without Putco's knowledge. We did not interview Eddie as he had customers waiting.

Thandi informed us that she employs six people in her businesses and that she hopes to extend the operating hours of the tavern, which she says offers a neighbourhood 'pub.' Currently it operates from about 10h00 to 18h30.

She volunteered the information that she obtained operating capital from loans to her from other taxi owners at Faraday, which she repaid¹.

¹ Refer to earlier information from taxi owners to the effect that they did not want a tavern in the Faraday facility.