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Lisbon, 24th March 2017

Subject: Heritage in Danger – Support Request
RED FLAG TEXTILE FACTORY (Erich Mendelsohn, 1926, St. Petersburg, Russia)

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ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Twentieth Century Heritage,

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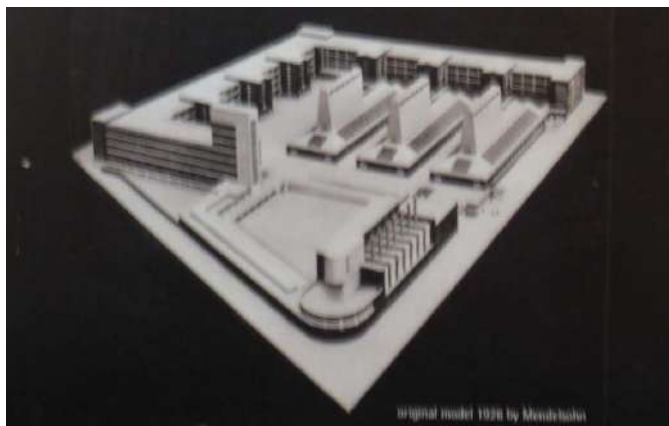
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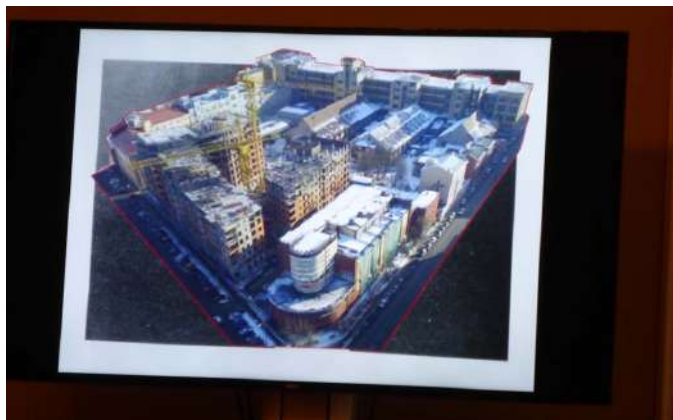
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Erich Mendelsohn, Red Flag Textile Factory, St. Petersburg, Russia, 1926. Original project.



Erich Mendelsohn, Red Flag Textile Factory, St. Petersburg, Russia, 1926. Current state of the ensemble.



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Sehr geehrte Frau Tostoes,

herzlichen Dank für Ihr Schreiben an Frau Bundeskanzlerin Dr. Angela Merkel vom 24. März dieses Jahres, in dem Sie auf die Gefährdung des Industriedenkmals auf dem ehemaligen Gelände der Textilfabrik „Rote Fahne“ in St. Petersburg hinweisen.

Die denkmalgerechte Instandsetzung eines so großen Objekts wie die Energiestation erfordert einen mehrstelligen Millionenbetrag. Voraussetzung ist die Entwicklung eines denkmalverträglichen Nutzungs- und Trägerkonzeptes. Das kann nur vor Ort und gemeinsam mit Investoren entwickelt werden. Prof. Dr. Jörg Haspel, Präsident von ICOMOS Deutschland, ist nach Angaben des Auswärtigen Amtes über das Projekt bestens informiert. Er war 2008 zugegen und sei weiterhin zur Mitwirkung bereit.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Knut Abraham

Translation

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Dear Tostoes,

Many thanks for writing to Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel on 24th March 2017, pointing the danger of the industrial monument on the former site of the Red Flag Textil Factory in St. Petersburg.

The monumental repair of such a large building as the energy station requires a multi-digit million amount. The prerequisite is the development of a usage and carrier concept which is subject to the principles of land use. This can only be developed on the spot and together with investors. Prof. Dr. Jorg Haspel — President of ICOMOS Germany — is well informed about the project, according to the Office for Foreign Affairs. He was present in 2008 and is still ready to participate.

Best regards,

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Уважаемая госпожа Тостыэс!

Благодарю Вас за искренний интерес к культурному наследию России, частью которого является творение выдающегося немецкого архитектора Эриха Мендельсона.

Смею Вас заверить, что строительство на соседнем с объектом культурного наследия регионального значения «ТЭЦ фабрики «Красное Знамя» участке производится в полном соответствии с законодательством Российской Федерации.

Нормативы, которые действуют в отношении строительства в зоне вокруг «ТЭЦ фабрики «Красное Знамя», установлены Законом Санкт-Петербурга, прошедшим широкое общественное обсуждение.

Ввиду высказываемой в последнее время озабоченности о визуальном соотношении объекта культурного наследия регионального значения «ТЭЦ фабрики «Красное Знамя» и нового строительства, Комитетом по градостроительству и архитектуре согласованы предложенные собственником нового здания изменения архитектурного и цветового решения его фасадов. В результате визуальное доминирование «ТЭЦ фабрики «Красное Знамя» будет обеспечено.

На сегодняшний день собственником «ТЭЦ фабрики «Красное Знамя» ведется активная работа по разработке документации по реставрации объекта культурного наследия. Выполнение реставрационных работ запланировано на ближайшее время.

Председатель Комитета

С.В.Макаров

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Dear Mrs. Tostoes!

I thank you for your sincere interest in the cultural heritage of Russia, of which the creation of the outstanding German architect Erich Mendelssohn is a part. I can assure you that the construction on the neighboring site of a cultural heritage of regional significance "CHP plant Krasny Znamya" site is carried out in full compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation. The law of St. Petersburg, which passed a broad public discussion, establishes the standards that apply to the construction in the zone around the "CHP plant Krasny Znamya". In view of the recent concern about the visual correlation of the object of cultural regional significance "Thermal power station of the heritage of the factory" Red Banner Factory and the new construction. The Committee for Urban Development and Architecture agreed on the proposed changes in the architectural and color solutions of its façades proposed by the owner of the new building. As a result, the visual dominance of the TPP of the Red Banner Factory will be ensured. At present, the owner of the TPP of the Red Banner Factory is actively working on developing documentation for the restoration of the cultural heritage site. Implementation of restoration work is planned for the near future.

Sergey V. Makarov

Head of the Heritage Protection Committee, the Administration of St. Petersburg