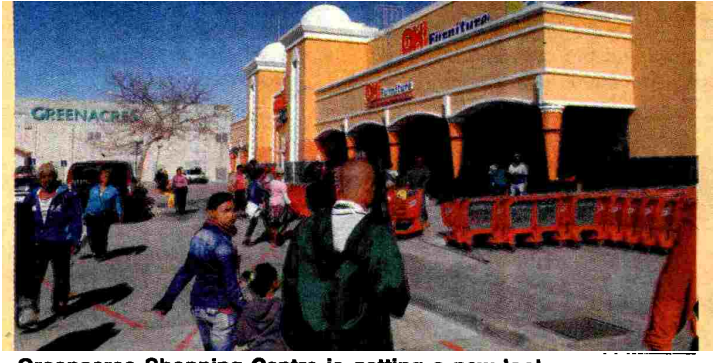
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Facelift for centre



Greenacres Shopping Centre is getting a new look.
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By SUN REPORTER

THE 30-year-old Greenacres Shopping Centre in Port Elizabeth is about to get a R420 million makeover!

The Liberty Property Group, which is making the investment, said renovations will include the shops and offices.

A hotel will also be added to the centre in an attempt to breathe new life into the centre and introduce exciting new shops and businesses to the Eastern Cape.

The expansion plans include over 7 000m² of additional retail space, which will be added to the north side of the centre, where entrances one and two are now.

An important drawcard will be the new food and restaurant area, with open-air dining facilities.

New basement parking will be developed below the extension to provide safe and convenient parking.

"The centre is known as the fashion destination of the Eastern Cape," said Giles Pendleton, MD of development at the group.

"This investment will accommodate an updated mix of tenants, bringing exciting new international retailers to the centre to continue its fashionable reputation."

He said the extension will give existing retailers the potential to expand and attract unique new specialist stores, national retailers not yet represented in the centre and new international brands.

The redevelopment and expansion will also include a refreshed interior, upgraded bathrooms and a modernised exterior.

They will be adding a three-star, 130-room business hotel, to be built on the existing parking deck.

A full-scale revamp is also planned for the existing 2 200m² of office space.

Development is planned to start in the first quarter of next year and be finished by the middle of 2014.