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E C Hayton and Co, 16-22 Gill Street

1926

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**Themes in development:** transport and trade.

**Cultural heritage values:** historical, architectural, technical and townscape values.

**Not registered.**

**Owner**

Beryl Hayton  
31 Cameron Street  
New Plymouth

**Title**

W Pt Sec 877 Town of New Plymouth  
ID: 013587

**Use**

Retail, office,  
warehouse

### **Description**

E C Hayton and Co, plumbing merchants, is made up of two 1920s buildings built for different firms. Both are two storey reinforced concrete buildings each with an industrial, straightforward character, the eastern building with a central square parapet and the western one with a pitched parapet containing a shield with the date 1927. Each has a long band of windows with a cornice above, and well composed lettering. For all their small differences, the buildings relate very well to each other; a modern bull-nosed verandah now ties them together physically.

### **History**

The first building was the eastern one for E C Hayton and Co, possibly dating from c.1922. This was followed by the western building for Bellringer Bros Ltd, the name on the architectural drawings being that of Mrs F C J Bellringer. This was a firm of painters, glaziers and paperhangers. The building was later taken over as part of Hayton's premises. Changes include the construction of a new verandah in 1988 and other alterations to the ground floor street frontages; above the verandah level both buildings are unaltered.

### **Architects**

The architects for Bellringer Bros were Messenger Griffiths and Taylor. A copy of the original drawing is held by the Council and is dated September 1926.

### **Statement of Significance**

E C Hayton Ltd has historic interest for its continuous occupation by one firm since the 1920s. Both buildings have architectural and streetscape value as well articulated industrial buildings, relating well to each other, and one of them at least the work of an important local architect.

### **Sources**

New Plymouth District Council building file 205/18.