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Hastings Pier during construction 2015, (HPC100.013)



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1987		The Pier is damaged in the famous hurricane of 1987.
1990		The Pier Preservation Society is started with the aim of restoring the Art Deco façade.
1993		Large storms cause £100,000 damage.
1996		The Pier went on sale for £3.5 million
1999		After a storm in October 1999 the Pier is no longer safe for the public and is closed suddenly when the owners go into voluntary liquidation, with debts of £160,000.
2000		The Pier stands derelict until August when it is purchased by Mundial Invest S.A.
2001	05-May	Hastings Pier changes hands yet again. This time to Ravenclaw Investments Inc. Ravenclaw is a sister company of Mundial Invest S.A. Pier re-opened Major above decks renovation take place.
2005		The Council receives an engineer's report showing that the Pier needed repair work of up to £1.2 million.
2006	16-Jun	Sea end part of the Pier is closed but the apron remains open.
2006	01-Nov	The Pier is found to be so unsafe that the Council imposes a closure order on the Pier beyond the apron.
2007	10-Feb	At a public meeting a campaigning group called Friends of Hastings Pier is set up.
2007	Jul	The Apron of the Pier is reopened.
2008	01-Feb	The Hastings and White Rock Trust is formed.
2008	11-Mar	A gale damages the seaward end of the pier, with two upright columns breaking away from their supports. There are fears that this could be the 'beginning of the end' for the Pier, and there was further minor damage over the following five months.
2008	31-Aug	The Pier is completely closed.
2008	Dec	Heritage Lottery Fund application for £2 million is turned down.

2009	17-Oct	A March is organised in the town to raise awareness of the need to save the Pier, two thousand people take part.
2010	5-Oct	A huge fire destroys much of the Pier
2010	Nov	The Hastings Pier & White Rock Trust submits an application for £8.75m to the Heritage Lottery to restore the substructure of the Pier and renovate the remaining building.
2011		de Rijke Marsh Morgan are announced in January as the winners of the competition to select an architect for the redevelopment of Hastings Pier
2012		Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) awards a grant of £11.4 million.
2013	Aug	A Compulsory Purchase Order is enacted and the Pier is returned to local ownership, which enables the £14m renovation project to go forward.
2014		The reconstruction of Hastings Pier takes two years, from May 2014 until its reopening in May 2016.
2016	May	Hastings Pier reopens.

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