



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Construction Cost Index (CCI) Increased by 0.26%, While Road Cost Index (RCI) Decreased by 0.29% in the West Bank* in February 2010 Compared with the Previous Month

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 108.00 in February 2010 with an increase of 0.26% compared with previous month, (December 2007=100), While the overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 105.72 in February 2010 with a decrease of 0.29% compared with the previous month. (December 2008=100).

Analysis of Construction Cost developments for February indicates **changes in** the following major construction inputs compared with previous month:

- Iron and steel	+ 2.01%
- Tiles and panels from ceramic	+ 0.59%
- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 0.46%
- Cutting and shaping stones	+ 0.17%
- Cement, lime & gypsum	- 0.11%
- Ceramic products	- 0.08%
- Cement products	- 0.08%

Analysis of Road Cost developments for February indicates **changes in** the cost of the following major road inputs compared with previous month:

- Asphalt and bitumen mixture and its product	- 3.16%
- Plastic products	- 0.29%
- Cement	- 0.14%
- Iron and steel	+ 2.26%
- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 2.26%
- Electric wires and cables	+ 0.43%

* West Bank: Excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

NB:

1. Data of Gaza Strip is not available, due to the closure of PCBS' offices in Gaza Strip since 15/04/2008.
2. The difference in the percent change in major groups of Road and Construction Cost Index is due to the nature compositions of these major groups. *This report was funded by the European Union.*