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Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) Decreased by 0.17%, Road Cost Index (RCI) decreased by 0.13%, and Construction Cost Index (CCI) Decreased by 0.09%, while Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) Increased by 0.25% in the West Bank in September 2010 Compared with August 2010

The overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 103.15 in September 2010 in the West Bank with a decrease of 0.17% compared with August 2010 (base month January 2010=100), the overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 107.57 in September 2010 with a decrease of 0.13% compared with August 2010 (base month December 2008=100), and the overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 109.53 in September 2010 with a decrease of 0.09% compared with August 2010 (base month December 2007=100), while the overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 103.01 in September 2010 with an increase of 0.25% compared with August 2010 (base month January 2010=100).

Analysis of Water Networks Cost Index developments for September indicates changes in the cost of the following major water networks inputs compared with the previous month:

- Water Reservoirs	- 0.26%
- Iron	- 0.77%
- Concrete	- 0.27%
- Excavation	+ 0.55%
- Water Networks	- 0.13%
- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	- 0.83%
- Plastic and steel pipes	- 0.38%
- Excavations	+ 0.55%
- Deface materials	+ 0.29%



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

- Iron and steel	- 1.20%
- Asphalt and bitumen mixture and its products	- 0.87%
- Cement products	- 0.20%
- Electric wires and cables	+ 0.59%
- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 0.45%
- Cement	+ 0.28%

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

- Iron and steel	- 0.67%
- Cement products	- 0.28%
- Cutting and shaping stones	+ 0.30%
- Cement, lime & gypsum	+ 0.24%
- Tiles and panels from ceramic	+ 0.16%
- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 0.15%

Analysis of Sewage Networks Cost Index developments for September indicates changes in the cost of the following major sewage networks inputs compared with the previous month:

- Fountains	+ 0.85%
- Excavations	+ 0.55%
- Deface materials	+ 0.29%
- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	- 0.83%
- Plastic and cement pipes	- 0.38%

The data of West Bank doesn't cover 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, Construction, water networks, and sewage networks Cost Index is due to the nature compositions of these major groups.