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Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) Increased by 0.31%, Construction Cost Index (CCI) Increased by 0.18%, and Road Cost Index (RCI) Increased by 0.08%, while Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) decreased by 0.32% in the West Bank in October 2010 Compared with September 2010

The overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 103.47 in October 2010 in the West Bank with an increase of 0.31% compared with September 2010 (base month January 2010=100), the overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 109.73 in October 2010 with an increase of 0.18% compared with September 2010 (base month December 2007=100), and the overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 107.66 in October 2010 with an increase of 0.08% compared with September 2010 (base month December 2008=100), while the overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 102.68 in October 2010 with a decrease of 0.32% compared with September 2010 (base month January 2010=100).

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

- Water Networks	+ 0.39%
- Plastic and steel pipes	+ 0.81%
- Excavations	+ 0.36%
- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	- 0.38%
- Deface materials	- 0.22%
- Water Reservoirs	+ 0.13%
- Iron	+ 0.64%
- Excavation	+ 0.36%
- Construction work and paint	- 0.40%
- Concrete	- 0.20%



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

- Iron and steel	+ 0.51%
- Cement, lime & gypsum	+ 0.39%
- Tiles and panels from ceramic	+ 0.15%
- Cement products	+ 0.11%
- Quarries and quarrying products	- 0.05%

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

- Iron and steel	+ 0.90%
- Electric wires and cables	+ 0.83%
- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 0.51%
- Cement	+ 0.37%
- Asphalt and bitumen mixture and its products	- 0.38%
- Cement products	- 0.08%

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

- Fountains	- 1.32%
- Plastic and cement pipes	- 0.40%
- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	- 0.38%
- Deface materials	- 0.22%
- Excavations	+ 0.36%

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.