



Press Release

**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):**

**Construction Cost Index (CCI) Increases by 0.24% in the Remaining West Bank\* in April 2009 Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 107.03 in April 2009 with an increase of 0.24% compared with previous month, (December 2007=100).

Analysis of Construction Cost developments for April indicates an **increase in the cost** of the following major construction inputs:

- Cutting and shaping stones	+1.04%
- Equipment and electrical networking	+0.49%
- Aluminum and metal doors and windows	+0.42%
- Ceramic products	+0.016%
- Cement products	+0.13%
- Iron and steel	+0.05 %

At the same time, there was a **decrease in** the cost of the following major groups:

- Cement, lime & gypsum	-0.99%
- Quarries and quarrying products	- 0.46%

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

**Disclaimer:** PCBS would like to draw attention that the data of Gaza Strip is not available, due to the closure of PCBS' offices in Gaza since 15/04/2008.

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