



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

**Construction Cost Index (CCI) Decreased by 0.10% in the West Bank* in
September 2009 Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 107.72 in September 2009 with a decrease of 0.10% compared with previous month, (December 2007=100).

Analysis of Construction Cost developments for September indicates a **decrease in the cost of the following major construction inputs:**

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| - Plastic products and health tools | - 0.43% |
| - Tiles and Panels from Ceramic | - 0.41% |
| - Iron and steel | - 0.20% |

At the same time, there was an **increase in the cost of the following major groups:**

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| - Cement, lime & gypsum | + 0.17% |
| - Cutting and shaping stones | + 0.15% |
| - Cement products | + 0.11% |

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

NB: Data of Gaza Strip is not available, due to the closure of PCBS' offices in Gaza Strip since 15/04/2008.

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