



Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Industrial Production Index Indicate an increase in the West Bank in March 2010 compared with the previous month

The overall Industrial Production Index (IPI) reached 113.26 in March 2010, compared to 112.40 in February 2010.

The results indicated that there was an increase by 0.76% in the industrial production index in March 2010 compared to February 2010.

Analysis of Industrial Production Index developments for March 2010 indicated **an increase** in the following major groups compared to February 2010:

- Manufacture of rubber and plastic:	11.56%
- Manufacture of tobacco products:	8.33%
- Mining and quarrying:	4.40%
- Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products:	3.91%
- Manufacture of food and beverages:	3.33%
- Manufacture of wood and its products:	2.76%
- Water Supply:	2.50%

Analysis of Industrial Production Index developments for March 2010 indicated **a decrease** in the following major groups compared to February 2010:

- Recycling:	-4.87%
- Manufacture of electrical machinery:	-3.53%
- Electricity:	-3.39%
- Manufacture of paper and its products:	-2.86%