



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Construction Cost Index (CCI) Increased by 0.24%, While Road Cost Index (RCI) Decreased by 0.14% in the West Bank* in January 2010 Compared with the Previous Month

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 107.72 in January 2010 with an increase of 0.24% compared with previous month, (December 2007=100), While the overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 106.02 in January 2010 with a decrease of 0.14% compared with the previous month. (December 2008=100).

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

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| - Iron and steel | + 1.14% |
| - Cement products | + 0.53% |
| - Cutting and shaping stones | - 0.36% |
| - Cement, lime & gypsum | - 0.15% |
| - Ceramic products | - 0.07% |

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

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| - Asphalt and bitumen mixture and its product | - 0.91% |
| - Plastic products | - 0.35% |
| - Iron and steel | + 1.30% |
| - Cement products | + 0.55% |
| - Electric wires and cables | + 0.49% |

* West Bank: Excluding 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 and Construction Cost Index is due to the nature compositions of these major groups.

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