



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

### **Construction Cost Index (CCI) Increased by 0.07%, and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) Increased by 0.42%, while Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) Decreased by 0.15%, and Road Cost Index (RCI) Decreased by 0.08% in the West Bank\* in July 2010 Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 109.31 in July 2010 with an increase of 0.07% compared with the previous month, (December 2007=100), and the overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 102.51 in July 2010 with an increase of 0.42% compared with the previous month, (January 2010=100), while the overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 103.04 in July 2010 with a decrease of 0.15% compared with the previous month, (January 2010=100), and the overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 107.50 in July 2010 with a decrease of 0.08% compared with the previous month, (December 2008=100 ).

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

- Cement products	+ 0.34%
- Cutting and shaping stones	+ 0.27%
- Cement, lime & gypsum	+ 0.22%
- Ceramic products	+ 0.19%
- Tiles and panels from ceramic	+ 0.17%
- Iron and steel	- 0.94%
- Quarries and quarrying products	- 0.15%

#### **Analysis of Sewage Networks Cost Index developments for July indicates changes in the cost of the following major Sewage Networks inputs compared with the previous month:**

- Fountains	+ 0.90%
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- Plastic and cement pipes	+ 0.51%
- Excavations	+ 0.43%
- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	- 0.81%
- Deface materials	- 0.16%

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

- <b>Water Reservoirs</b>	<b>- 0.24%</b>
- Iron	- 1.14%
- Construction work and paint	+ 0.59%
- Excavation	+ 0.43%
- Concrete	+ 0.32%
- <b>Water Networks</b>	<b>- 0.11%</b>
- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	- 0.81%
- Plastic and steel pipes	- 0.27%
- Deface materials	- 0.16%
- Excavations	+ 0.43%

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

- Iron and steel	- 1.11%
- Asphalt and bitumen mixture and its products	- 0.82%
- Cement products	+ 0.30%
- Cement	+ 0.21%
- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 0.21%
- Plastic products	+ 0.19%

\* 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, Construction, water networks, and sewage networks Cost Index is due to the nature compositions of these major groups.