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Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Construction Cost Index (CCI) Decreased by 0.73%, and Road Cost Index (RCI) Decreased by 0.37%, Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) Decreased by 0.89%, and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) Decreased by 0.47% in the West Bank* in June 2010 Compared with the Previous Month

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 109.23 in June 2010 with a decrease of 0.73% compared with the previous month, (December 2007=100), and the overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 107.59 in June 2010 with a decrease of 0.37% compared with the previous month. (December 2008=100), and the overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 103.20 in June 2010 with a decrease of 0.89% compared with the previous month, (January 2010=100), and the overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 102.09 in June 2010 with a decrease of 0.47% compared with the previous month. (January 2010=100).

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

- Iron and steel	- 5.80%
- Quarries and quarrying products	-0.34%
- Cutting and shaping stones	- 0.19%
- Ceramic products	+ 0.16%
- Cement, lime & gypsum	+ 0.15%
- Tiles and panels from ceramic	+ 0.14%

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

- Iron and steel	- 6.31%
- Asphalt and bitumen mixture and its product	- 0.60%
- Electric wires and cables	- 0.30%



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- Quarries and quarrying products + 0.52%
- Cement products + 0.24%

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

- **Water Reservoirs - 2.49%**
 - Iron - 6.57%
 - Construction work and paint - 2.45%
 - Concrete + 0.16%
 - Excavation + 0.36%
- **Water Networks - 0.13%**
 - Deface Materials - 0.78%
 - Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products - 0.59%
 - Excavation + 0.36%
 - Plastic and steel pipes + 0.96%

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

- Plastic and Cements Pipes - 1.34%
- Wages and other costs - 0.92%
- Deface Materials - 0.78%
- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products - 0.59%
- Excavations + 0.36%
- Fountains + 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, Construction, water networks, and sewage networks Cost Index is due to the nature compositions of these major groups.