



**Press Release**

**Road Cost Index (RCI) Increased by 0.11% in the West Bank\* in October 2009  
Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 104.86 in October 2009 with an increase of 0.11% compared with the previous month. (December 2008=100) .

Analysis of Road Cost developments for October indicates an **increase** in the cost of the following major groups:

- Asphalt & bitumen mixture & its products	+ 1.55%
- Plastic products	+ 1.86%
- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 1.13%

On the other hand, there was a **decrease** in the cost of the following major groups:

- Iron and steel	- 3.92%
- Road Paints	- 1.21%
- Other metals	- 0.85%
- Cement	+ 0.20%

\* 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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