



**Press Release**

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

**Construction Cost Index (CCI) Increased by 0.18% and Road Cost Index (RCI) Increased by 0.30% in the West Bank\* in December 2009 Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 107.47 in December 2009 with an increase of 0.18% compared with previous month, (December 2007=100), and The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 106.17 in December 2009 with an increase of 0.30% compared with the previous month. ( December 2008=100 ).

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

- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 0.50%
- Cement products	+ 0.40%
- Iron and steel	+ 0.17%
- Cutting and shaping stones	- 0.31%
- Tiles and panels from ceramic	- 0.20%
- Ceramic products	- 0.15%

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

- Electric wires and cables	+ 3.72%
- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 0.84%
- Iron and steel	+ 0.72%
- Road paints	- 0.43%
- Asphalt and bitumen mixture and its product	- 0.33%
- Plastic products	- 0.29%

\* 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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