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Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Construction Cost Index (CCI) Increased by 2.20%, Road Cost Index (RCI) Increased by 1.07%, Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) Increased by 2.77%, and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) Increased by 1.26% in the West Bank* in April 2010 Compared with the Previous Month

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 110.55 in April 2010 with an increase of 2.20% compared with previous month, (December 2007=100), and the overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 107.93 in April 2010 with an increase of 1.07% compared with the previous month. (December 2008=100), and the overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 103.88 in April 2010 with an increase of 2.77% compared with previous month, (January 2010=100), and the overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 102.20 in April 2010 with an increase of 1.26% compared with the previous month. (January 2010=100).

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

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| - Iron and steel | + 19.11% |
| - Tiles and Panels from Ceramic | + 0.27% |
| - Quarries and quarrying products | + 0.19% |
| - Cutting and shaping stones | - 0.52% |
| - Cement products | - 0.32% |

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

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| - Iron and steel | + 21.17% |
| - Electric wires and cables | + 0.87% |
| - Quarries and quarrying products | + 0.65% |
| - Asphalt and bitumen mixture and its product | - 0.46% |



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| - Cement | - 0.24% |
| - Cement products | - 0.21% |

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

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| - Reservoirs | + 7.13% |
| - Iron | + 22.18% |
| - Construction work and paint | + 0.14% |
| - Excavation | - 0.24% |
| - Concrete | - 0.28% |
| - Water Networks | + 0.79% |
| - Deface Materials | + 2.62% |
| - Plastic and steel pipes | + 1.15% |
| - Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products | - 0.46% |
| - Excavation | - 0.24% |

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

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| - Fountains | + 3.33% |
| - Deface Materials | + 2.62% |
| - Plastic and Cements Pipes | + 0.50% |
| - Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products | - 0.46% |
| - Excavations | - 0.24% |

* 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.