Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released a Statistical Report about Building Licenses Statistics in the Palestinian Territory for the First Quarter of 2004

1131 of Building Licenses Issued With Total Area 438.0 Thousands (M²)

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released a Statistical Report about the Result of Building Licenses for the First Quarter 2004, Which shows that the total number of building licenses in Palestinian Territory is 1131, distributed as 680 licenses for new buildings, licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 30 licenses for additions and existing parts, 130 licenses for existing buildings and 22 licenses for existing extensions. The results indicate that the total licensed areas are 438.0 thousand (m²), distributed as 386. thousand m² for new areas and 51.4 thousand m² for existing areas. Also the number of licensed dwellings reached 2149 units distributed as 1906 for the new dwellings and 243 units for the existing dwellings

There was a general increasing in the total number of issued building licenses in the First Quarter 2004 compared with the First Quarter 2003 (around 26.8%), meanwhile there are an increase in the number of issued building licenses in the First Quarter 20004 compared with the First Quarter of 2002 (around 16.0%), notice that the First Quarter 2004 decreased by 41.2% & 8.9% respectively compared with the First Quarter of 2000 & 2001.

Comparing licensed areas of the First Quarter 2004 with the First Quarter of 2003, the results show that the licensed of new areas increased by 16.3%, and the existing areas decreased by 34.9%. Comparing licensed areas of the First Quarter 2004 with the same period of 2000, the results indicate that the licensed of new areas decreased by 29.9%, and the existing areas decreased by 53.3%.

The results show that there is an increase in the residential dwellings in the First Quarter of 2004 compared with the same period of 2003 by 50.7% for the new dwellings, and decreased by 55.6% for the existing dwellings. Comparing data of the First Quarter of 2004 with the same period of 2000 there is a decline in the number of the new dwellings by 20.9% and by 61.2% for the existing dwellings.

The number of boundary walls licenses is decreased by 23.5% in the First Quarter 2004 compared with the First Quarter of 2003, and decreased by 59.4% & 49% in the First Quarter of 2000 & 2001 respectively comparing with First Quarter 2004.