



**Press Release**

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

**1.07% increase in the Industrial Production Index for West Bank and Gaza Strip During the Third Quarter 2008 compared with the second quarter 2008**

The overall Industrial Production Index (IPI) reached 100.37 in the Third quarter 2008, 2.19% increase related to the third quarter 2007 in the **West Bank and Gaza Strip**<sup>1</sup>.

The results indicate that there was an increase in the industrial production index for the third quarter with its 2006 base year compared with the second quarter 2008 as follow:

Analysis of Industrial Production Index developments for this quarter indicates **increases** in the following major groups:

- Publishing, printing and reproduction:	+ 39.32 %
- Manufacture of textiles:	+13.35 %
- Manufacture of wearing apparel	+ 8.09 %
- Water Supply:	+ 9.27 %
- Manufacture of tobacco products:	+ 6.50 %
- Electricity:	+ 4.42 %
- Manufacturing:	+ 11.21 %

Analysis of Industrial Production Index developments for this quarter indicates **decreases** in the following major groups:

- Manufacture of chemicals & its products:	-32.72 %
- Manufacture of rubber and plastic:	-23.03 %
- Manufacture of other transport equipments:	-12.68 %

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<sup>1</sup> West Bank: means West Bank, which includes those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed after 1967 occupied by Israel.