

**Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):****Road Cost Index (RCI) Decrease by 0.35% in the Remaining West Bank* in
March 2009 Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 100.63 in March 2009 with a decrease of 0.35% compared with the previous month, (December 2008=100) .

Analysis of Road Cost developments for March indicate a **decrease** in the cost of the following major groups:

- Iron and steel	-3.63%
- Electric wires and cables	-3.27%
- Foundry products	-2.17%
- Quarries and quarrying products	-0.89%

On the other hand, there was an **increase** in the cost of the following major groups:

- Other metals	+2.10%
- Asphalt & bitumen mixture & its products	+0.55%
- Cement	+0.48%

* Remaining West Bank: Means West Bank except those parts of Jerusalem, which were annexed by Israel in 1967

Disclaimer: PCBS would like to draw attention that the data of Gaza Strip is not available, due to the closure of PCBS' offices in Gaza since 15/04/2008.

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