



**Press Release**

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):

**Road Cost Index (RCI) Increases by 0.91% in the Remaining West Bank\* in  
May 2009 Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 102.42 in May 2009 with an increase of 0.91% compared with the previous month, (December 2008=100) .

Analysis of Road Cost developments for May indicates an **increase** in the cost of the following major groups:

- Iron and steel	+6.31%
- Asphalt & bitumen mixture & its products	+ 2.09%
- Foundry products	+1.96%
- Plastic products	+ 0.39%
- Road Paints	+ 0.15%

On the other hand, there was a **decrease** in the cost of the following major groups:

- Electric wires and cables	- 2.80%
- Other metals	- 0.77%
- Cement	- 0.24%
- Cement products	- 0.10%

\* Remaining West Bank: 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 Strip since 15/04/2008.

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