



**Press Release**

**Road Cost Index (RCI) Increases by 0.86% in the Remaining West Bank\* in  
April 2009 Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 101.49 in April 2009 with an increase of 0.86% compared with the previous month, (December 2008=100) .

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

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| - Asphalt & bitumen mixture & its products | + 4.36% |
| - Foundry products                         | + 2.48% |
| - Electric wires and cables                | + 1.91% |
| - Iron and steel                           | + 0.32% |

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

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| - Cement                          | - 1.48% |
| - Other metals                    | - 1.14% |
| - Quarries and quarrying products | - 0.75% |

\* 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 since 15/04/2008.

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