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

**Increase in the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine during March, 03/2018**

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 105.17 during March 2018 with an increase of 4.81% compared to February 2018 (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

IPI for March 2018 increased due to the increase in the **activities of Mining and Quarrying** by 37.30% which had a share of 4.06% of the total industry, the **activities of Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation**  by 21.60% which had a share of 0.78% of the total industry, and the **activities of** **Manufacturing Industry** by 3.96% which had a share of 83.19% of the total industry, while the **activities of Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply** decreased by 6.51% which had a share of 11.98% of the total industry.

The table shows monthly percent change in IPI for the period January – March 2018:

| **Month** | **Percent Change** |
| --- | --- |
|  January  | 7.29 - |
|  February | 1.03 - |
|  March | 4.81 + |
| **Q1.2018** | **5.50 -** |

**The trend line of the Industrial Production Index in Palestine, for the period: March 2017 - March 2018**

**(Base Month December 2015=100)**

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**Note**:

* Relative weight for the main industrial activities represents the percentage distribution of value added for the industrial activities in 2013.