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Press release on the survey results

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#### **Notice to users of this report**

PCBS would like to point out to users of this press release that the data presented was based on a sample of 496 establishments.

The size of the sample for the previous rounds (January 2006-July 2006) was 346 establishments, which resulted in minor discrepancies for the percentage distribution of opinions in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip as a total and in both regions separately.

It is worth noting that the increase in the sample improves data quality and insures more comprehensive representation of the sample for economic activities that were not covered in the previous sample.

The available data refers to the West Bank which include Jerusalem Governorate which J1 is part of it since the round 35, meanwhile the previous rounds refer to the Remaining West Bank without J1.

**Jerusalem J1**: That part of the governorate of Jerusalem which was annexed after the 1967 occupation by Israel. Jerusalem

#### **Press Release**

## Main findings of the Survey of the Perceptions of the Owners / Managers of Industrial Establishments Regarding the Economic Situation August 2008

The following shows the basic findings of round 42 on the perceptions of the owners / managers of industrial establishments concerning the economic situation for August 2008. The round was conducted during the period 3-23 September, 2008, taking August 2008 as the reference month. The aim of the survey is to observe and monitor the trends of the opinions of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments. The sample size is 496 industrial establishments (343 in the West Bank, 138 in Gaza Strip in addition to 15 in Jerusalem J1). A two-stage sample was designed for this survey: in the first stage the industrial survey 2004 was used as a sampling frame for the survey, while in the second stage all the industrial establishments, constituting approximately 70% of the total industrial production, were selected; establishments that employed less than 20 employees were excluded.

#### Performance of industrial establishments in August 2008 compared with July 2008

According to 22.2% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments, the production performance of their establishments during August 2008 was improvement than in July 2008 (18.4% for Gaza Strip and 23.8% for the West Bank).

12.4% reported facing an improvement situation in trying to obtain needed raw materials and inputs during August 2008 (16.7% for Gaza Strip and 10.6% for the West Bank), while 22.0% report that employee productivity increased compared with the previous month (17.5% for Gaza Strip and 23.8% for the West Bank).

According to the results, 16.0% of the owners / managers reported that their establishment's financial situation was improvement (14.1% for Gaza Strip and 16.9% for the West Bank), while 1.6% reported that banks credits were more easy during August 2008 (0.0% for Gaza Strip and 2.3% for the West Bank) comparing to the previous month.

#### **Challenges**

#### **Drop in sales level**

The perceptions of 40.0 the owners / managers of industrial establishments in Gaza Strip reported that the main reason for an expected cutback or drop in sales level is due to the israeili closures. At the same time, 37.0% of the owners / managers of industrial establishments in the West Bank indicate that the main reason was the decline in consumer purchasing power.

#### Local and external competition

In the Palestinian Territory, 90.0% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments indicated that their establishment's main product faced local or external competition (78.6% for Gaza Strip and 92.3% for the West Bank).

According to 78.4% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory, the main product faced local competition (88.6% for Gaza Strip and 76.6% for the West Bank); on the other hand, 21.6% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments indicated that their main product faced external competition (23.4% for the West Bank, and 11.4% for Gaza Strip).

#### **Employment**

7.6% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory laid off workers in August 2008 (1.9% for Gaza Strip and 8.8% for the West Bank); however, 78.0% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments stated that there had not been any change to the number of workers, (77.7% for the West Bank and 79.6% for Gaza Strip).

#### **Expectations**

#### Short term

The expectations of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the short term, i.e., one month after the reference month (August 2008); show that 28.0% expected an improvement in their production in general in the Palestinian Territory.

The expectations of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory concerning employment were pessimistic since only 15.6% expected increases during August 2008.

The results showed that 28.6% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory expected sales to increase during September 2008.

#### **Medium term**

The expectations of 39.9% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the medium term (in the next six months) were for improvement in production in the Palestinian Territory (35.7% in the West Bank and 60.7% in Gaza Strip).

Concerning expectations for employment in the Palestinian Territory, 19.2% expect an increase in employment (50.0% in Gaza Strip and 12.9% in the West Bank).

Sales during the next six months will rise, according to the expectations of 40.9% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory (60.7% in Gaza Strip and 36.8% in the West Bank).

Figure 1: Percentage of Industrial Establishment Owners / Managers Who Encountered Improvement Economic Conditions during August 2008 Compared to the Previous Month for the Main Indicators by Region

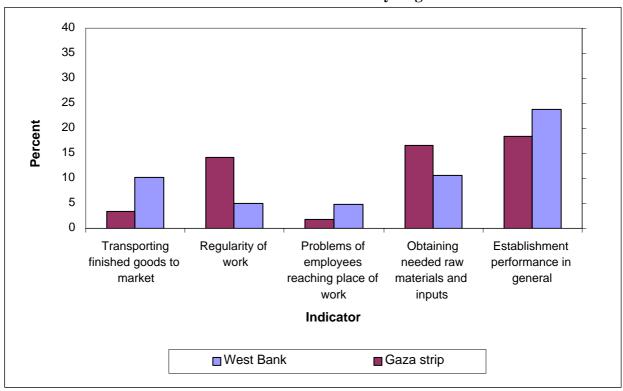
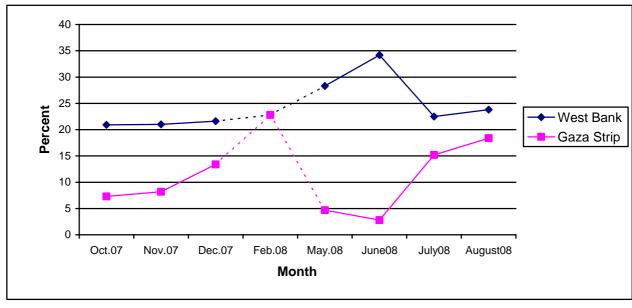
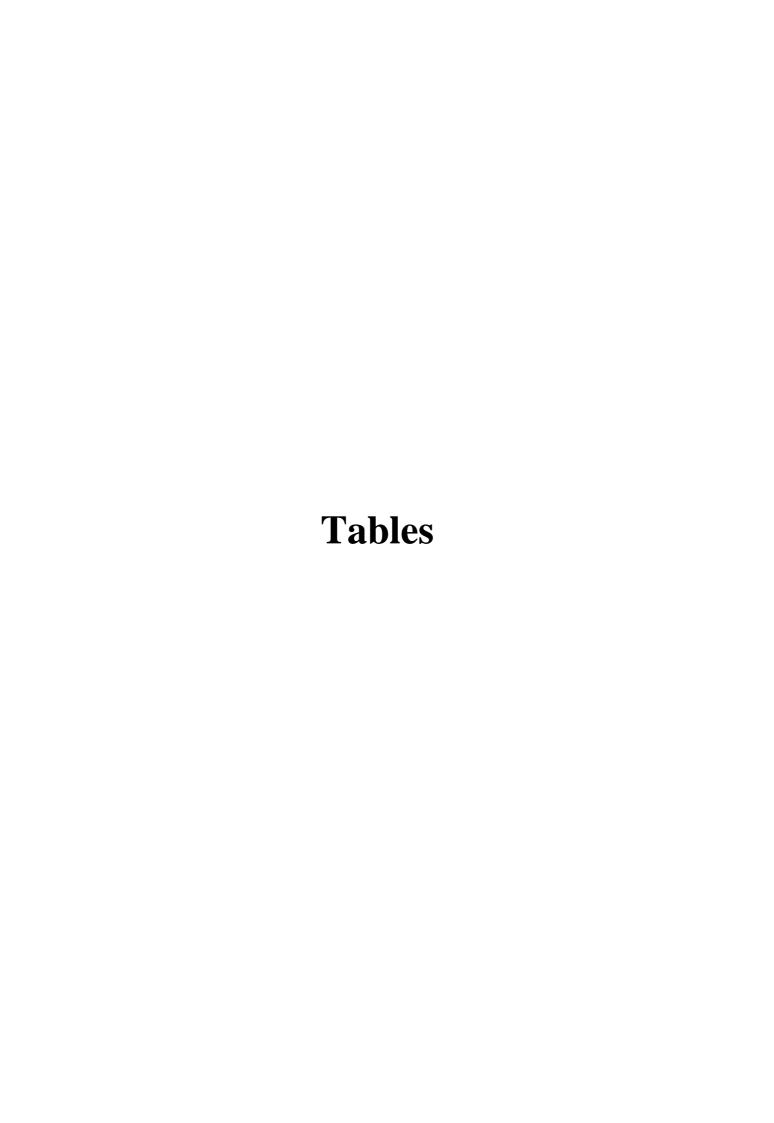


Figure 2: Trends of Establishments Encountering an Improvement Situation in Production Performance during August 2008 Compared to the Previous Month by Region





#### 2008

Table 1-1: Percentage of the Industrial Establishments Encountered Improvement Situation During the Reference Month Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators in the Palestinian Territory 2008

	Reference	e Month	1							
		2008								
Indicator										
	August	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.
Establishment performance in general	22.2	20.9	27.4	23.7	-	-	22.8	-	19.9	18.5
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	12.4	10.6	29.8	27.9	-	-	21.4	-	17.9	19.8
Problems of employees reaching place of work	3.9	3.9	26.2	25.2	-	-	16.7	-	16.2	17.9
Regularity of work	7.8	4.2	12.4	9.4	-	-	6.3	-	6.4	7.0
Transporting finished goods to market	8.3	11.4	4.5	4.6	-	-	4.0	-	5.7	6.7

(-) No Data Available

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#### 2008 \*

Table 1-2: Percentage of Industrial Establishments Encountered Improvement Situation During the Reference Month Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators in the West Bank\* 2008

	Refere	ence Moi	nth									
		2008								2007		
Indicator												
	August	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.		
Establishment performance in general	23.8	22.5	34.2	28.3	-	-	22.8	-	21.6	21.0		
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	10.6	11.1	37.3	33.6	-	-	21.2	-	19.5	22.2		
Problems of employees reaching place of work	4.8	3.9	32.6	30.1	-	-	15.7	-	17.4	19.8		
Regularity of work	5.2	3.2	15.4	10.9	-	-	6.3	-	5.9	7.9		
Transporting finished goods to market	10.3	13.6	5.4	5.3	-	-	2.8	-	5.1	7.1		

<sup>\*</sup> West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

(-) No Data Available

#### 2008

Table 1-3: Percentage of Industrial Establishments Encountered Improvement Situation During the Reference Month Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators in Gaza Strip 2008

	Reference	Reference Month										
		2008										
Indicator	August	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.		
Establishment performance in general	18.4	15.2	2.8	4.7	-	-	22.8	-	13.4	8.2		
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	16.7	8.9	2.8	4.7	-	-	22.8	-	11.7	9.8		
Problems of employees reaching place of work	1.8	3.8	2.8	4.7	-	-	22.8	-	11.7	9.8		
Regularity of work	14.1	7.6	1.4	3.1	-	-	6.8	-	8.3	3.3		
Transporting finished goods to market	3.5	3.8	1.4	1.6	-	-	11.4	-	8.3	4.9		

(-) No Data Available

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Table 2-1: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments
According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During August 2008 Compared with July 2008 in
the Palestinian Territory

				1		
Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	2.3	16.8	58.7	19.4	2.8
Production situation	100	2.3	19.1	54.9	20.9	2.8
Employees productivity	100	2.3	15.0	60.7	18.9	3.1
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	2.8	9.3	75.5	10.6	1.8
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	1.8	94.3	3.6	0.3
Regularity of work	100	0.5	4.9	86.8	6.0	1.8
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.5	13.4	77.8	8.0	0.3
Financial situations	100	0.3	17.3	66.4	14.2	1.8
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.3	1.6	96.5	1.6	0.0
Level of employment	100	0.3	7.5	81.8	8.8	1.6
Value of sales	100	3.4	21.7	49.9	21.4	3.6

Table 2-2: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During August 2008 Compared with July 2008 in the West Bank

				1		
Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	0.4	22.3	53.5	22.3	1.5
Production situation	100	0.4	26.0	47.6	24.5	1.5
Employees productivity	100	0.4	20.1	55.7	22.0	1.8
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.7	12.1	76.6	9.9	0.7
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	2.6	92.6	4.4	0.4
Regularity of work	100	0.0	5.9	88.9	4.8	0.4
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.4	19.0	70.3	9.9	0.4
Financial situations	100	0.0	23.4	59.7	16.5	0.4
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.4	2.3	95.0	2.3	0.0
Level of employment	100	0.0	10.6	77.7	11.0	0.7
Value of sales	100	1.1	28.9	42.5	26.4	1.1

<sup>\*</sup> West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 2-3: : Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During August 2008 Compared with July 2008 in Gaza Strip

				1		
Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	7.0	3.5	71.1	12.3	6.1
Production situation	100	7.0	2.6	72.0	12.3	6.1
Employees productivity	100	7.0	2.6	72.9	11.4	6.1
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	7.9	2.6	72.8	12.3	4.4
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	0.0	98.2	1.8	0.0
Regularity of work	100	1.8	2.7	81.4	8.8	5.3
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.9	0.0	95.6	3.5	0.0
Financial situations	100	0.9	2.6	82.4	8.8	5.3
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Level of employment	100	0.9	0.0	92.1	3.5	3.5
Value of sales	100	8.8	4.4	67.6	9.6	9.6

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Table 3: Percentage of Industrial Establishments Encountered Improvement Situation During the Reference Month (August 2008) Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators by Region

Indicator	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Employees productivity	17.5	23.8	22.0	
Financial situations	14.1	16.9	16.0	
Banks credits & facilities	0.0	2.3	1.6	
Level of employment	7.0	11.7	10.4	
Value of sales	19.2	27.5	25.0	

<sup>\*</sup> West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 4: Percentage Distribution of Owners/Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to the Reasons for Sales Level Stability or Decline by Region During August 2008

Reason	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory			
Decrease in demand	0.0	11.1	9.4			
Difficulties in exporting finished goods	0.0	4.9	4.2			
Decline in the consumer purchasing power	6.7	37.0	32.3			
Product Marketing Obstacles	0.0	5.0	4.1	(	)	
Competence product	33.3	6.2	10.4			
Seasonally related	6.7	6.2	6.3			
Military check points/ israeili actions/ closures	40.0	7.4	12.5	/		/
Other	13.3	22.2	20.8			
Total	100	100	100			

<sup>\*</sup> West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 5: Percentage Distribution of the Active Industrial Establishments According to the Employment Mobility During August 2008 by Region

Employment Mobility		*		
Employment Mobility	Gaza Strip	West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Hiring employees	18.5	13.5	14.4	
Firing employees	1.9	8.8	7.6	
No change	79.6	77.7	78.0	
Total	100	100	100	

<sup>\*</sup> West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 6: Percentage Distribution of the Existing of Competence of the Main Product According to the Owners\ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments During August 2008 by Region

Competence existence	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
There is competition	78.6	92.3	90.0	
There is no competition	21.4	7.7	10.0	
Total	100	100	100	

<sup>\*</sup> West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 7: Percentage Distribution of the Type of Competence According to the Owners\ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments During August 2008 by Region

Type of competence	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Local	88.6	76.6	78.4	
Foreign	11.4	23.4	21.6	
Total	100	100	100	

<sup>\*</sup> West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

Table 8: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments for the Month that Follow the Reference Month Compared With the Reference (August, 2008) Month for the Main Indicators by Region

	Reference	e Month	<u> </u>								
Indicator				20	008				20	007	
	August	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	
Percentage of who are expecting better establishment situation Palestinian Territory	28.0	30.3	32.5	32.8	_	_	31.8	28.7	18.2	18.8	
West Bank*	21.6	26.3	29.6	29.4	36.0	35.4	31.5	26.2	19.5	22.2	*
Gaza Strip	58.9	53.2	54.3	46.9	-	-	34.1	56.5	13.3	4.9	
Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level											
Palestinian Territory	15.6	10.1	11.9	15.2	-	-	7.3	6.9	5.4	5.4	
West Bank*	8.5	3.7	6.2	8.0	10.3	10.5	5.1	4.7	5.1	6.0	*
Gaza Strip	50.0	46.8	54.3	45.4	-	-	20.5	30.4	6.8	3.3	
Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume											
Palestinian Territory	28.6	28.7	32.0	33.2	-	-	33.3	31.2	19.9	19.1	
West Bank*	22.3	24.5	29.0	29.9	38.9	37.1	33.1	28.9	21.2	22.2	*
Gaza Strip	58.9	53.2	54.3	46.9	-	-	34.1	56.5	15.0	6.6	

<sup>(-)</sup> No Data Available

<sup>\*</sup> West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

Table 9: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments for the Six Months that Follow the Reference Month Compared With the Reference Month (August, 2008) for the Main Indicators by Region

	Reference	e Month	1								
				2008					2007		
Indicator	August	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	
Percentage of who are expecting better establishment situation											
Palestinian Territory	39.9	34.5	35.7	41.6	-	-	61.7	59.6	33.5	36.0	
West Bank*	35.7	30.4	32.9	38.5	49.4	57.2	62.2	58.2	36.5	33.3	*
Gaza Strip	60.7	58.7	57.1	54.7	-	-	58.4	78.9	20.3	52.4	
Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level											
Palestinian Territory	19.2	15.1	15.4	22.3	-	-	25.2	22.7	13.2	21.6	
West Bank*	12.9	8.5	9.7	14.8	15.8	22.9	23.2	20.5	11.9	19.0	*
Gaza Strip	50.0	54.4	57.1	53.1	-	-	38.9	52.6	18.6	38.1	
Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume											
Palestinian Territory	40.9	35.1	36.6	43.9	-	-	67.6	64.1	36.5	38.6	
West Bank*	36.8	31.1	34.1	41.3	53.8	59.8	68.9	63.0	39.8	36.4	*
Gaza Strip	60.7	58.7	55.9	54.7	-	-	58.4	78.9	22.0	52.4	

(-) No Data Available

<sup>\*</sup> West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

Table 10: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments about Better Expectations for their Establishments for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (August, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month by Region

Indicator	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Establishment performance in general	58.9	19.4	26.2	
Employees productivity	53.6	14.3	21.0	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs Problems of employees reaching place of	58.9	7.3	16.1	
work	10.7	5.9	6.7	
Regularity of work	50.0	5.9	13.4	
Transporting finished goods to market	14.3	9.2	10.0	
Financial situations	58.9	15.8	23.2	
Banks credits & facilities	1.8	2.4	2.3	

<sup>\*</sup> West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

Table 11: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments about Better Expectations for their Establishments for the Six Months that Follow the Reference Month (August, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month for the Main Indicators by Region

Indicator	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory
Establishment performance in general	60.7	33.8	38.4
Employees productivity	55.3	29.0	33.5
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	60.7	12.5	20.7
Problems of employees reaching place of work	12.5	7.4	8.2
Regularity of work	50.0	9.5	16.5
Transporting finished goods to market	12.5	13.2	13.1
Financial situations	60.7	23.9	30.3
Banks credits & facilities	1.8	3.5	3.2

<sup>\*</sup> West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 12-1: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (August, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month in the Palestinian Territory

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Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	2.4	26.7	44.7	20.7	5.5	
Production situation	100	3.3	35.3	33.4	22.5	5.5	
Volume of sales	100	3.6	36.2	31.6	23.1	5.5	
Employees productivity	100	3.0	29.2	46.8	15.8	5.2	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.3	9.4	74.2	10.6	5.5	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	5.8	87.5	6.1	0.6	
Regularity of work	100	0.6	14.0	72.0	9.4	4.0	
Level of employment	100	0.6	8.8	75.0	11.6	4.0	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.9	11.9	77.2	8.8	1.2	
Financial situations	100	0.9	25.0	50.9	18.6	4.6	
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.0	7.1	90.6	2.3	0.0	

\* (2008 / i) / :2-12

Table 12-2: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (August, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month in the West Bank\*

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Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	2.6	30.8	47.2	18.3	1.1
Production situation	100	3.7	41.0	33.7	20.5	1.1
Volume of sales	100	4.0	42.5	31.2	21.2	1.1
Employees productivity	100	3.3	34.1	48.3	13.2	1.1
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.0	10.3	82.4	6.2	1.1
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	6.2	87.9	5.9	0.0
Regularity of work	100	0.4	15.8	77.9	5.5	0.4
Level of employment	100	0.4	9.5	81.6	8.1	0.4
Transporting finished goods to market	100	1.1	13.6	76.1	8.8	0.4
Financial situations	100	0.7	29.0	54.5	15.4	0.4
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.0	7.8	89.8	2.4	0.0

<sup>\*</sup> West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 12-3: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (August, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month in Gaza Strip

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Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	1.8	7.1	32.2	32.1	26.8
Production situation	100	1.8	7.1	32.2	32.1	26.8
Volume of sales	100	1.8	5.4	33.9	32.1	26.8
Employees productivity	100	1.8	5.4	39.2	28.6	25.0
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.8	5.4	33.9	32.1	26.8
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	3.6	85.7	7.1	3.6
Regularity of work	100	1.8	5.4	42.8	28.6	21.4
Level of employment	100	1.8	5.4	42.8	28.6	21.4
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.0	3.6	82.1	8.9	5.4
Financial situations	100	1.8	5.4	33.9	33.9	25.0
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.0	3.6	94.6	1.8	0.0

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Table 13-1: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During the Next Six Months Compared with Reference Month (August, 2008) in the Palestinian Territory

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Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	2.1	17.4	42.1	31.7	6.7
Production situation	100	3.7	24.1	32.3	33.5	6.4
Volume of sales	100	4.3	24.4	30.4	34.5	6.4
Employees productivity	100	4.0	17.1	45.4	27.7	5.8
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.2	7.0	71.1	15.2	5.5
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.6	2.4	88.8	6.4	1.8
Regularity of work	100	1.5	8.3	73.7	11.6	4.9
Level of employment	100	1.2	7.6	72.0	14.6	4.6
Transporting finished goods to market	100	1.8	8.2	76.9	10.7	2.4
Financial situations	100	2.4	19.6	47.7	24.8	5.5
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.6	3.5	92.7	3.2	0.0

\* (2008 / j) / :2-13

Table 13-2: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During the Next Six Months Compared with Reference Month (August, 2008) in the West Bank\*

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Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	1.5	18.4	46.3	30.9	2.9
Production situation	100	3.3	26.5	34.5	33.1	2.6
Volume of sales	100	4.0	27.2	32.0	34.2	2.6
Employees productivity	100	3.7	18.8	48.5	26.8	2.2
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.1	6.6	79.8	11.0	1.5
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	1.8	90.8	5.9	1.5
Regularity of work	100	0.7	8.5	81.3	7.7	1.8
Level of employment	100	0.4	7.7	79.0	11.4	1.5
Transporting finished goods to market	100	2.2	8.8	75.8	11.4	1.8
Financial situations	100	1.8	22.1	52.2	22.1	1.8
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.8	3.1	92.6	3.5	0.0

<sup>\*</sup> West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

 $(2008 \ \downarrow \tilde{})$  / :3-13

Table 13-3: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During the Next Six Months Comparing with Reference Month (August, 2008) in Gaza Strip

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Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	5.4	12.5	21.4	35.7	25.0
Production situation	100	5.4	12.5	21.4	35.7	25.0
Volume of sales	100	5.4	10.7	23.2	35.7	25.0
Employees productivity	100	5.4	8.9	30.4	32.1	23.2
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.8	8.9	28.6	35.7	25.0
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	3.6	5.4	78.5	8.9	3.6
Regularity of work	100	5.4	7.1	37.5	30.4	19.6
Level of employment	100	5.4	7.1	37.5	30.4	19.6
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.0	5.4	82.1	7.1	5.4
Financial situations	100	5.4	7.1	26.8	37.5	23.2
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.0	5.4	92.8	1.8	0.0