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

**Construction Cost Index (CCI) Increased by 0.16%, Road Cost Index (RCI)  
Increased by 1.01%, Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) Increased by 1.04%, and  
Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) Increased by 0.82% in the West Bank\* in  
March 2010 Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 108.17 in March 2010 with an increase of 0.16% compared with previous month, (December 2007=100), and the overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 106.79 in March 2010 with an increase of 1.01% compared with the previous month. ( December 2008=100 ), and the overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 101.08 in March 2010 with an increase of 1.04% compared with previous month, (January 2010=100), And the overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 100.92 in March 2010 with an increase of 0.82% compared with the previous month. (January 2010=100).

**Analysis of Construction Cost developments for March indicates changes in the following major construction inputs compared with previous month:**

- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 0.49%
- Iron and steel	+ 0.22%
- Cement products	+ 0.20%
- Cement, lime & gypsum	+ 0.13%
- Cutting and shaping stones	- 0.24%

**Analysis of Road Cost developments for March indicates changes in the cost of the following major road inputs compared with previous month:**

- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 2.81%
- Asphalt and bitumen mixture and its product	+ 1.67%
- Electric wires and cables	+ 0.75%
- Road paints	+ 0.48%
- Iron and steel	+ 0.26%



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**Analysis of Water Networks Cost Index developments for March indicates changes in the cost of the following major Water Networks inputs compared with previous month:**

- Reservoirs	+ 0.34%
- Construction work and paint	+ 1.12%
- Excavation	+ 0.74%
- Concrete	+ 0.27%
- Iron	+ 0.26%
- Water Networks	+ 1.36%
- Steel Pipes	+ 1.60%
- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	+ 1.62%
- Excavation	+ 0.74%
- Deface Materials	+ 0.71%

**Analysis of Sewage Networks Cost Index developments for March indicates changes in the cost of the following major Sewage Networks inputs compared with previous month:**

- Fountains	+ 3.75%
- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	+ 1.62%
- Excavations	+ 0.74%
- Deface Materials	+ 0.71%
- Plastic Pipes	- 1.89%

\* West Bank: Excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

**NB:**

1. Data of Gaza Strip is not available, due to the closure of PCBS' offices in Gaza Strip since 15/04/2008.
2. The difference in the percent change in major groups of Road, Construction, water networks, and sewage networks Cost Index is due to the nature compositions of these major groups.