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

**Construction Cost Index (CCI) Increased by 0.29%, Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) increased by 0.28%, Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) Increased by 0.24%, and Road Cost Index (RCI) Increased by 0.19% in the West Bank\* in August 2010 Compared with July 2010**

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 109.62 in August 2010 in the West Bank\* with an increase of 0.29% compared with July 2010 (base month December 2007=100), the overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 103.33 in August 2010 with an increase of 0.28% compared with July 2010 (base month January 2010=100), the overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 102.76 in August 2010 with an increase of 0.24% compared with July 2010 (base month January 2010=100), and the overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 107.71 in August 2010 with an increase of 0.19% compared with July 2010 (base month December 2008=100).

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

- Iron and steel	+ 1.80%
- Cement, lime & gypsum	+ 0.34%
- Tiles and panels from ceramic	+ 0.29%
- Cutting and shaping stones	+ 0.21%
- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 0.19%
- Cement products	- 0.12%

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

- <b>Water Reservoirs</b>	<b>+ 0.64%</b>
- Iron	+ 1.98%
- Excavation	+ 0.60%



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- Construction work and paint	- 0.21%
- Concrete	- 0.16%
<b>- Water Networks</b>	<b>+ 0.11%</b>
- Excavations	+ 0.60%
- Deface materials	+ 0.19%
- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	- 0.46%
- Plastic and steel pipes	- 0.20%

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

- Excavations	+ 0.60%
- Plastic and cement pipes	+ 0.49%
- Deface materials	+ 0.19%
- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	- 0.46%
- Fountains	- 0.45%

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

- Iron and steel	+ 1.96%
- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 0.37%
- Cement	+ 0.34%
- Asphalt and bitumen mixture and its products	- 0.47%
- Cement products	- 0.04%

\* 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.