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Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Construction Cost Index (CCI) Decreased by 0.47%, While Road Cost Index (RCI) Increased by 0.05%, Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) Increased by 0.24%, and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) Increased by 0.36% in the West Bank* in May 2010 Compared with the Previous Month

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 110.04 in May 2010 with a decrease of 0.47% compared with the previous month, (December 2007=100), while the overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 107.99 in May 2010 with an increase of 0.05% compared with the previous month. (December 2008=100), and the overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 104.12 in May 2010 with an increase of 0.24% compared with the previous month, (January 2010=100), and the overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 102.57 in May 2010 with an increase of 0.36% compared with the previous month. (January 2010=100).

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

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| - Iron and steel | - 1.82% |
| - Cutting and shaping stones | - 0.55% |
| - Quarries and quarrying products | - 0.52% |
| - Cement products | - 0.42% |
| - Tiles and panels from ceramic | + 0.19% |

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

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| - Iron and steel | - 1.95% |
| - Electric wires and cables | - 0.38% |
| - Cement products | - 0.15% |
| - Quarries and quarrying products | + 0.43% |



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- Asphalt and bitumen mixture and its product + 0.18%

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

- **Water Reservoirs** - **0.76%**
 - Iron - 1.99%
 - Concrete - 0.32%
 - Construction work and paint + 1.16%
 - Excavation + 0.10%
- **Water Networks** + **0.72%**
 - Plastic and steel pipes + 1.02%
 - Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products + 0.14%
 - Excavation + 0.10%
 - Deface Materials - 1.15%

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

- Wages and other costs + 2.61%
- Fountains + 0.17%
- Plastic and Cements Pipes + 1.35%
- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products + 0.14%
- Excavations + 0.10%
- Deface Materials - 1.15%

* 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.