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Building Materials Price Statistics

January 2012

1. Building Materials Prices for January 2012 compared with December 2011

Prices for a number of commodity groups of building materials showed changes during January 2012 compared with December 2011.

Prices for "Steel" decreased by 5.9 per cent as most items in this group registered price decreases between 0.6 per cent and 21.1 per cent. The "(PVC) Pipes" group decreased by 5.6 per cent. In addition, prices of "Glass" decreased by 4.2 per cent, "Transport equipment" decreased by 3.9 per cent and both of the "Wires for apartments" and "Wires for small buildings" groups decreased by 3.6 per cent.

Prices for "Sink stainless steel with mixer-single" increased by 5.7 per cent with prices for the commodities of this group increasing by between 2.6 per cent and 11.1 per cent. Prices for "Power cable" increased by 5.4 per cent, "Cement" by 4.2 per cent and "Aggregates and sand" by 2.8 per cent.

2. Building Materials Prices for January 2012 compared with January 2011

During January 2012 compared with January 2011, the highest increase at 30.7 per cent was in prices for "Transport equipment". Prices of "Aggregates and sand" rose by 21.4 per cent as all items in this group registered price increases of between 3.6 per cent and 41.7 per cent. In addition, prices of "Paints" rose by 12.2 per cent and "Bathroom set without accessories" rose by 10.6 per cent.

The average prices for "Diesel" and "Bathroom set with accessories" stabilized during January 2012 compared with January 2011.

Some other commodity groups showed a decline in average prices during January 2012, compared with January 2011. Prices of "Waterproofing products" fell by 16.5 per cent, "Wires for apartments" by 16.0 per cent, "(PVC) Pipes" by 13.1 per cent and "Concrete" by 12.4 per cent.

Methodology of Building Materials Statistics

The current methodology for building materials price statistics including conceptual basis, construction of the basket, data collection, validation, processing procedures, averaging and treatment of missing values, and potential sources of error are described in the Annual BMP report, 2010 which is available on the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>.

Building materials price statistics, February 2012 will be released on 10 March 2012.

For more information, please visit the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>

Table (1): Relative changes in the monthly average prices of building materials for January 2012, compared with December 2011 and January 2011.

Serial No.	Commodity groups	Percentage change January 2012 on December 2011	Percentage change January 2012 on January 2011
1	Cement	4.2	4.1
2	Aggregates and sand	2.8	21.4
3	Concrete	-1.3	-12.4
4	Steel	-5.9	-6.3
5	Wood	-3.1	-0.7
6	Block	0.0	-6.4
7	Roofing materials	0.0	7.6
8	Waterproofing products	-3.0	-16.5
9	Waterproofing bituminous membrane	na	na
10	Natural stone	0.0	-5.9
11	Tiles and marble	1.0	-4.0
12	Sanitary ware		
12.1	Bathroom set without accessories	0.1	10.6
12.2	Bathroom set with accessories	0.0	0.0
12.3	Sink stainless steel with mixer-single	5.7	0.8
13	False ceiling	-1.0	-0.2
14	Paints	-1.3	12.2
15	Glass	-4.2	2.8
16	Pipes		
16.1	(PVC) Pipes	-5.6	-13.1
16.2	(UPVC) Pipes	-1.5	-6.4
17	Wires		
17.1	Small building	-3.6	-10.4
17.2	Apartments	-3.6	-16.0
17.3	Residential towers	-1.8	3.7
18	Power cable	5.4	-9.2
19	Transport equipment	-3.9	30.7
20	Employment / with all services	-2.9	0.6
21	Diesel	0.0	0.0

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi