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Building Materials Price Statistics March Quarter 2012

1. Building Materials Prices for March 2012 compared with February 2012

Prices for a number of commodity groups of building materials showed changes during March 2012 compared with February 2012.

Prices for "Employment" decreased by 11.9 per cent as all items in this group registered price decreases between 10.0 per cent for "Carpenter" and 15.0 per cent for "Surveyor". The "Wires for Apartments" group decreased by 4.9 per cent; the decreases ranged between 4.2 per cent and 6.1 per cent. In addition, prices of "Tiles and Marble" decreased by 2.4 per cent and "Sanitary Ware- Bathroom Set without Accessories" decreased by 1.9 per cent.

Prices for "Waterproofing Products" increased by 5.7 per cent; the reason of the increase is the rise in the price of "Bitumen \ Oxidized Cold (Primer D 41) 20 liter \ Saudi Arabia" by 12.5 per cent and price of "Bitumen \ Waterproofing (D540) \ Saudi Arabia" by 8.0 per cent, Prices for "(UPVC) Pipes" increased by 4.0 per cent, "Wires for Residential Towers" by 3.5 per cent, "(PVC) Pipes" by 2.2 per cent and "Steel" by 1.3 per cent.

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

During March 2012 compared with March 2011, the highest increase at 21.1 per cent was in prices for "Aggregates and sand" as all items in this group registered price increases of between 3.6 per cent and 38.9 per cent. Prices of "Transport Equipment" rose by 10.6 per cent. In addition, prices of "Paints" rose by 6.7 per cent and "Wires for Residential Towers" rose by 5.3 per cent.

Some other commodity groups showed a decline in average prices during March 2012, compared with March 2011. Prices of "Wires for Apartments" fell by 19.9 per cent, "(PVC) Pipes" by 14.1 per cent, "Wires for Small Building" by 13.0 per cent and "Power cable" by 7.8 per cent.

3. Building Materials Prices for Q1 2012 compared with Q4 2011

Most of the commodity groups of building materials recorded higher average prices during Q1 2012 compared with Q4 2011.

Increases ranged between 0.6 per cent for "(UPVC) Pipes" and 6.5 per cent for the "Sanitary Ware- Sink Stainless Steel with Mixer-Single" group.

The average prices for "Diesel", "Roofing Materials", "Natural Stone", "Wires for Residential Towers", "Sanitary Ware- Bathroom Set without Accessories" and "Sanitary Ware- Bathroom Set with Accessories" stabilized during the first quarter 2012, compared with the fourth quarter 2011.

A number of commodity group prices declined between Q1 2012 and Q4 2011. The average prices of "Employment" decreased by 9.0 per cent, "Steel" by 8.2 per cent, "(PVC)

Pipes” by 6.9 per cent, “Wires for Small Building” by 6.2 per cent and “Wires for Apartments” by 5.3 per cent.

4. Building Materials Prices for Q1 2012 compared with Q1 2011

The average prices of twelve commodity groups increased during Q1 2012 compared with Q1 2011. Increases ranged between 0.8 per cent for “Sanitary Ware- Sink Stainless Steel with Mixer-Single” and 21.2 per cent for “Aggregates and Sand”. Among these commodities “Transport Equipment” increased by 18.4 per cent, “Paints” by 11.0 per cent, “Sanitary Ware- Bathroom Set without Accessories” by 6.8 per cent and “Employment” by 4.9 per cent.

The average price for “Diesel” and “Sanitary Ware- Bathroom Set with Accessories” stabilized during Q1 2012, compared with Q1 2011. Some other commodity groups showed a decline in average prices during Q1 2012, compared with Q1 2011. Prices of “Wires for Apartments” fell by 15.0 per cent, “(PVC) Pipes” by 14.4 per cent and “Wires for Small Building” by 11.1 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, 2011 which is available on the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>.

Building Materials Price Statistics, April 2012 will be released on 13 May 2012. For more information, please visit the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>.

Table (1): Relative changes in the monthly and quarterly average prices of building materials for March 2012, compared with February 2012 and March 2011, and for Q1 2012, compared with Q4 2011 and Q1 2011

Serial No.	Commodity groups	Percentage change Mar 2012 on Feb 2012	Percentage change Mar 2012 on Mar 2011	Percentage change Q1 2012 on Q4 2011	Percentage change Q1 2012 on Q1 2011
1	Cement	0.9	3.9	3.1	3.4
2	Aggregates and Sand	0.0	21.1	1.1	21.2
3	Concrete	0.0	-4.0	6.2	-8.6
4	Steel	2.2	-6.5	-7.9	-8.0
5	Wood	-0.3	-0.2	-1.5	1.0
6	Block	0.0	-6.4	1.0	0.9
7	Roofing Materials	0.0	3.6	0.0	1.1
8	Waterproofing Products	5.7	-4.7	0.9	0.9
9	Waterproofing Bituminous Membrane	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	Natural Stone	0.0	-5.9	0.0	-5.9
11	Tiles and Marble	-2.4	-6.5	-0.4	-5.1
12	Sanitary Ware				
12	Bathroom Set without Accessories	-1.9	-0.4	0.0	6.8
12	Bathroom Set with Accessories	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0
12	Sink Stainless Steel With Mixer-Single	-1.7	0.0	6.5	0.8
13	False ceiling	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2
14	Paints	-1.1	6.7	-0.7	11.0
15	Glass	0.0	3.0	-0.7	2.9
16	Pipes				
16	(PVC) Pipes	2.2	-14.1	-6.9	-14.4
16	(UPVC) Pipes	4.0	-4.0	0.6	-4.7
17	Wires				
17	Small Building	-1.0	-13.0	-6.2	-11.1
17	Apartments	-4.9	-19.9	-5.3	-15.0
17	Residential Towers	3.5	5.3	0.0	1.4
18	Power Cable	0.1	-7.8	5.5	-8.9
19	Transport Equipment	-0.3	10.6	1.2	18.4
20	Employment / with all services	-11.9	-0.8	-9.0	4.9
21	Diesel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Source: statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Table (2): Monthly changes in the prices of the most important items of building materials 2012

Code	Groups and Items	Relative change Jan 2012 on Dec 2011	Relative change Feb 2012 on Jan 2012	Relative change Mar 2012 on Feb 2012
1	Cement			
1	Sulphate Resistance / Al- Etihad / Ton / U.A.E.	14.3	-6.3	0.0
2	Sulphate Resistance / Emirates / Ton / U.A.E.	7.7	0.0	7.1
3	Portland Cement / Al- Etihad / Ton / U.A.E.	3.8	-3.7	0.0
4	White Cement / Al- Etihad / Ton / U.A.E.	0.0	0.0	6.5
2	Steel			
5	Steel / Flat Steel / Ton / Turkey	-13.2	0.0	-4.2
6	Steel / Beams Steel / Big / Ton / Japan	-21.1	0.0	10.0
7	Steel / Steel Angled / Ton / Korea	-9.2	0.0	-5.9
8	Steel / Bars, 6 - 8 mm / Ton / Turkey	-9.3	-0.9	3.8
9	Steel / Bars,10-25 mm / Ton / U.A.E.	-2.9	-0.9	-1.7
10	Steel / High tensile Steel / Ton / U.A.E.	-0.6	0.0	-0.7
3	Concrete			
11	Concrete Ready Mix / Normal (neutin 40) / m ³ / U.A.E.	-1.3	6.7	0.0
12	Concrete Ready Mix / Sulphate Resistance/ m ³ / U.A.E.	-1.3	6.5	0.0
4	Aggregates and Sand			
13	Aggregates / Crush 3/4 / m ³ / U.A.E.	0.0	0.0	0.0
14	Aggregates / Ordinary 3/4 / m ³ / U.A.E.	0.0	0.0	0.0
15	Aggregates / Crush 3/8 / m ³ / U.A.E.	0.0	0.0	0.0
16	Aggregates / Ordinary 3/8 / m ³ / U.A.E.	25.0	-20.0	0.0
17	Aggregates / Material Sand / m ³ / U.A.E.	0.0	0.0	0.0
18	Sand / White / m ³ / U.A.E.	0.0	12.5	0.0
19	Sand / Black / m ³ / U.A.E.	0.0	15.8	0.0
5	Employment			
20	Carpenter / Hourly rates	-10.0	11.1	-10.0
21	Steel Fixer / Hourly rates	-10.0	11.1	-10.0
22	Electrician / Hourly rates	0.0	16.7	-14.3
23	Surveyor/ Hourly rates	5.9	11.1	-15.0
6	Transport Equipment			
24	Truck capacity of 30 m ³	0.0	-18.5	0.0
25	Water tank capacity of 5000 gallons	11.5	-10.3	17.9
26	966 Loader	-11.5	6.5	-18.4
27	JCB Excavator	0.0	0.0	0.0
28	Cranes 20 tons	-12.0	0.0	0.0

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