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The Building Material Cost Index (BCI) (without steel bars) for all categories of building in region A (Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis), D (Johor), E (Pahang) and F (Terengganu & Kelantan) increased between 0.1 and 1.7 per cent in January 2019 as compared to the previous month. In contrast, the BCI in region B (Perak) and C (Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan) decreased between 0.1 and 1.5 per cent except for Timber building and Timber piling, increased by 0.6 and 0.7 per cent each.

The BCI (with steel bars) for almost all categories of building in region A (Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis), B (Perak) and C (Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan) and F (Terengganu & Kelantan) decreased between 0.1 and 1.9 per cent except for Timber building (0.6 per cent) and Timber piling (0.7 per cent). In contrast, the BCI in region E (Pahang) for several categories of building increased 0.1 per cent as compared to the previous month. The BCI for (R.C.) piling in region D (Johor), E (Pahang) and F (Terengganu & Kelantan) increased 0.1 per cent as compared to the previous month.

The changes in unit price indices of building materials by regions in Peninsular Malaysia are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Changes in unit price index for building materials by region in Peninsular Malaysia
(Changes in index points compared to the previous month)

Building materials	Region	Jan 2019/ Dec 2018
Cement	A - Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis	0.2
	B - Perak	-3.4
	C - Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan	-0.8
Steel	A - Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis	-0.7
	B - Perak	-3.3
	C - Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan	-0.5
	F - Terengganu & Kelantan	-0.4
Aggregates	A - Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis	0.4
	C - Tengah	-0.3
	F - Terengganu & Kelantan	0.5
Bricks & wall	A - Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis	-0.1
	B - Perak	0.2
	C - Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan	-0.1
	F - Terengganu & Kelantan	0.1
Timber	All regions	0.7
Roofing materials	C - Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan	-0.2
Ceiling materials	A - Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis	0.5
	B - Perak	0.9
Steel & metal sections	A - Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis	-0.3
	B - Perak	0.2
	C - Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan	0.1
Plumbing materials	A - Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis	-0.1
	B - Perak	0.2
Sanitary fittings	A - Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis	1.2
Glass	B - Perak	1.6
Paints	A - Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis	0.2
	B - Perak	1.2
	C - Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan	0.1
	E - Pahang	1.7
	F - Terengganu & Kelantan	0.5

Sabah

The Building Material Cost Index (BCI) (without steel bars) for all categories of building in Sandakan increased between 0.2 and 3.0 per cent in January 2019 except Timber piling and Single storey steel frame (tower only). Likewise, the BCI in Tawau showed an increase of 0.1 per cent for Single storey (R.C.) building, 2-4 storey (R.C.) building (flat roof), 2-4 storey (R.C.) building (pitched roof), 5 storey and above (R.C.) building (for accommodation) and 5 storey and above (R.C.) building (for office). While, the BCI in Kota Kinabalu remained unchanged as compared to the previous month.

The BCI (with steel bars) for all categories of building in Sandakan increased between 0.1 and 1.2 per cent in January 2019 as compared to previous month except Timber piling. In Sandakan, the BCI that showed changes was 2-4 storey (R.C.) building (flat roof) and 5 storey and above (R.C.) building (for office), increased 0.1 per cent each as compared to the previous month. Meanwhile, the BCI in Kota Kinabalu unchanged except for 5 storey and above (R.C.) building (for accommodation) increased 0.1 per cent.

The changes in unit price indices of building materials by region in Sabah are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Changes in unit price index for building materials by region in Sabah
(Changes in index points compared to the previous month)**

Building materials	Region	Jan 2019/ Dec 2018
Bricks & wall	Kota Kinabalu	0.2
Plumbing materials	Sandakan	1.2
Floor & wall tiles	Kota Kinabalu	0.3
	Tawau	1.9
Paints	Kota Kinabalu	-0.7
Ready mix concrete	Tawau	3.8
Ironmongeries	Kota Kinabalu	0.7

Sarawak

The Building Material Cost Index (BCI) (without steel bars) for all categories of building in Kuching decreased between 0.1 and 0.2 per cent in January 2019 as compared to the previous month. The BCI in Sibü increased 0.1 per cent for Single storey (R.C.) building, 2-4 storey (R.C.) building (pitched roof), 5 storey and above (R.C.) building (for accommodation) and 5 storey and above (R.C.) building (for office). Meanwhile, the BCI in Miri for all categories of building remained unchanged as compared to the previous month except for Single storey (R.C.) building, increased 0.1 per cent.

The BCI (with steel bars) for all categories of building in Kuching decreased between 0.1 and 0.3 per cent in January 2019. Similarly, the BCI in Sibü decreased between 0.1 and 0.6 per cent. In contrast, the BCI in Miri increased 0.1 per cent for 5 storey and above (R.C.) building (for office) and Timber building as compared to the previous month.

The changes in unit price indices of building materials by region in Sarawak are shown in Table 3.

**Table 3: Changes in unit price index for building materials by region in Sarawak
(Changes in index points compared to the previous month)**

Building materials	Region	Jan 2019/ Dec 2018
Cement	Sibü	0.9
Steel	Kuching	-0.7
	Sibü	-1.2
Bricks & wall	Kuching	0.2
Roofing materials	Miri	0.1
Ceiling materials	Miri	0.7
Steel & metal sections	Kuching	-0.8
Plumbing materials	Kuching	0.1
	Sibü	0.1
Paints	Sibü	0.6

Notes:

R.C. = Reinforced Concrete

*Region:

A = Pulau Pinang, Kedah and Perlis

B = Perak

C = Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan and Selangor

D = Johor

E = Pahang

F = Kelantan and Terengganu

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