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The Building Material Cost Index (BCI) (without steel bars and with steel bars) for all categories of building in all regions showed increases in October 2016 except for (R.C.) piling building category in region C-Central and F-Eastern which recorded no change as compared to the previous month.

The unit price index of building materials that showed changes in October 2016 compared to the previous month are as follows:

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	Index Point Changes (Oct 2016/Sept 2016)
Cement	B-Perak	-0.4
	C- Central	0.4
	F-Eastern	-0.2
Steel	A-Northern	0.3
	B-Perak	1.3
	C- Central	-0.8
Aggregates	F-Eastern	-0.2
	C- Central	-0.8
Sand	F-Eastern	-0.8
Bricks & wall	C- Central	-0.7
	A-Northern	-0.3
Timber	F-Eastern	-0.3
	All regions	1.3
Roofing materials	C- Central	-0.7
Ceiling materials	C- Central	-0.4
Steel & metal sections	A-Northern	0.2
	B-Perak	0.1
	C- Central	-0.1
Plumbing materials	A-Northern	-0.5
	B-Perak	-0.6
Floor & wall tiles	A-Northern	-0.2
	F-Eastern	-0.1

Sabah

The Building Material Cost Index (BCI) (without steel bars and with steel bars) in Kota Kinabalu and Tawau recorded increases for several categories of buildings in October 2016 except for the BCI (with steel bars) (R.C.) piling which showed a decrease of 0.2 per cent in Tawau. In contrast, the BCI (with steel bar) in Sandakan showed decreases for almost all building categories as compared to the previous month.

Changes in unit price index for building materials by region in Sabah are as follows:

**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	Index Point Changes (Oct 2016/Sept 2016)
Steel	Kota Kinabalu	1.5
	Sandakan	-0.7
	Tawau	-0.4
Bricks & wall	Tawau	1.3
Steel & metal sections	Kota Kinabalu	0.1
Glass	Kota Kinabalu	3.0
Paints	Tawau	0.1

Sarawak

The Building Material Cost Index (BCI) (without steel bars) in Kuching and Sibü showed increases for several categories of buildings in October 2016. In contrast, the BCI in Miri recorded a decline of 0.1 per cent for 2-4 storey (R.C.) building (flat roof), (R.C.) piling and single storey steel frame (building) as compared to September 2016.

The Building Material Cost Index (BCI) (with steel bars) in Sibü recorded an increase for all categories of buildings in October 2016. In contrast, the BCI in Kuching and Miri showed decreases for several categories of buildings as compared to the previous month.

Changes in unit price index for building materials by region in Sarawak are as follows:

**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	Index Point Changes (Oct 2016/Sept 2016)
Cement	Sibü	3.1
Steel	Kuching	-0.9
	Sibü	1.0
	Miri	0.1
Aggregates	Miri	-3.3
Bricks & wall	Kuching	0.1
	Sibü	1.8
Steel & metal sections	Kuching	-0.2
Glass	Kuching	2.3
Paints	Kuching	0.1
Ready mix concrete	Miri	-0.1

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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