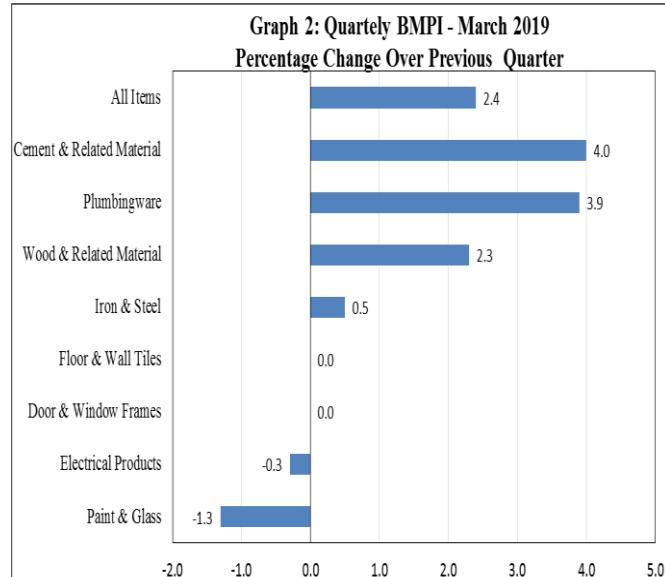
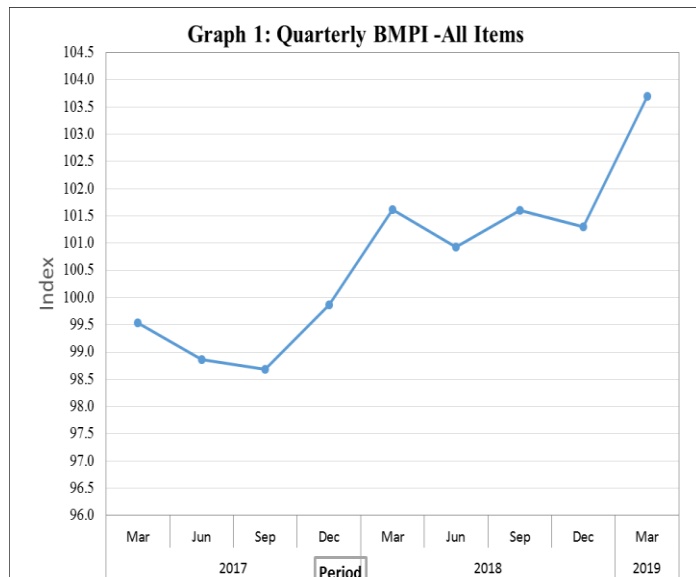


BUILDING MATERIAL PRICE INDEX MARCH QUARTER 2019

[Base: Average 4 Quarters 2014 = 100.0]

The All Items Building Material Price Index (BMPI) for the March quarter of 2019 stood at 103.7. The index is compared to those of earlier periods to gauge the price movements of a representative list of Building Materials.

The All Items BMPI for the March quarter of 2019 registered an increase of 2.4 percent over the December quarter of 2018.



Detailed sectional changes over the March quarter of 2019 are as follows:

Wood and Related Materials: +2.3%

Higher price was recorded for rough gauged treated No.1 framing grade, dressed treated No.1 framing grade, dressed treated no.1 dressing grade, dressed hardwood No.1 framing grade and 100mm wide damp proof course.

Cement and Related Materials: +4.0%

Higher price was recorded for sand, aggregate (20mm), standard concrete block 150 thick, bond beam block 100 thick, bond beam 150 thick and plain end jamb block 150 thick.

Iron and Steel: +0.5%

Higher prices were recorded for 26 gauged corrugated roofing iron, 6mm mild steel in concrete & block work and purlin strap

Plumbing ware: +3.9%

Higher prices were recorded for W.C suite complete with pan, cistern & seat, standard precast concrete washtub and PVC glue.

Paint and Glass: -1.3%

Lower prices were recorded for timber primer, undercoat, finishing coat (full gloss enamel), clear glass 24"x 6" x 4 mm, obscure glass 36"x 6" x 5 mm, mineral turpentine, no more gaps adhesives and long nap roller.

Floor and Wall Tiles: 0.0%

No price change was recorded in this category.

Door and Window Frames: 0.0%

No price change was recorded in this category.

Electrical Products: -0.3%

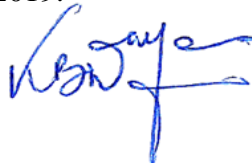
Lower prices were recorded for lead wire, starter and 4 way power point.

Please find attached the following:

Table 1: Annual and Quarterly Building Material Price Index

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The Building Material Price Index Release for June quarter of 2019 will be available at the end of June, 2019.



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