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**CONSTRUCTION INPUT PRICE INDICES AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR  
INFLATION**

**MARCH 2024**

**1.0 Annual Construction Sector Inflation**

Construction Sector Inflation as measured by the Construction Input Price Index for Uganda for the 12 months to March 2024 for inputs of the Construction Sector increased to 1.7 percent compared to 1.5 percent registered for the year ended February 2024 as shown in Table 1. This was mainly attributed to the Annual Construction Sector Inflation of inputs into Construction of Buildings that increased to 1.6 percent for the year ending March 2024 compared to 1.1 percent registered in the year ended February 2024 as shown in Table 2.

The main driver for the Construction Sector Inflation of inputs into Construction of Buildings is the Inflation for Construction of Non-Residential Buildings which increased to 1.8 percent in the year ending March 2024 compared to 1.3 percent registered for the year ended February 2024. In addition, the Inflation of inputs for Construction of Residential Buildings increased to 1.3 percent for the year ending March 2024 compared to 0.9 percent registered in the year ended February 2024 as shown in Table 2.

The Annual Construction Sector Inflation of inputs into Civil Engineering/Works increased to 1.7 percent in the year ending March 2024 compared to 1.1 percent registered for the year ended February 2024. This was mainly attributed to the Inflation of inputs into Construction of Roads and Railways which increased to 2.1 percent in the year ending March 2024 compared to 1.2 percent registered in the year ended February 2024. However, Construction of Utility Projects Inflation slowed down to minus 0.2 percent in the year ending March 2024 compared to 0.5 percent registered for the year ended February 2024.

The Annual Construction Sector Inflation of inputs into Specialised Construction Activities registered 1.8 percent for the year ending March 2024 compared to 2.0 percent registered for the year ended February 2024. This was mainly attributed to the Inflation of inputs for Electrical, Plumbing, and Other Construction Installation Activities which was registered at 2.6 percent in the year ending March 2024 compared to 2.9 percent registered in the year ended February 2024. The Inflation of inputs into Demolition and Site Preparation increased to 3.4 percent in the year ending March 2024 compared to 3.3 percent registered in the year ended February 2024. The Inflation of inputs for Building Completion and Finishing was registered

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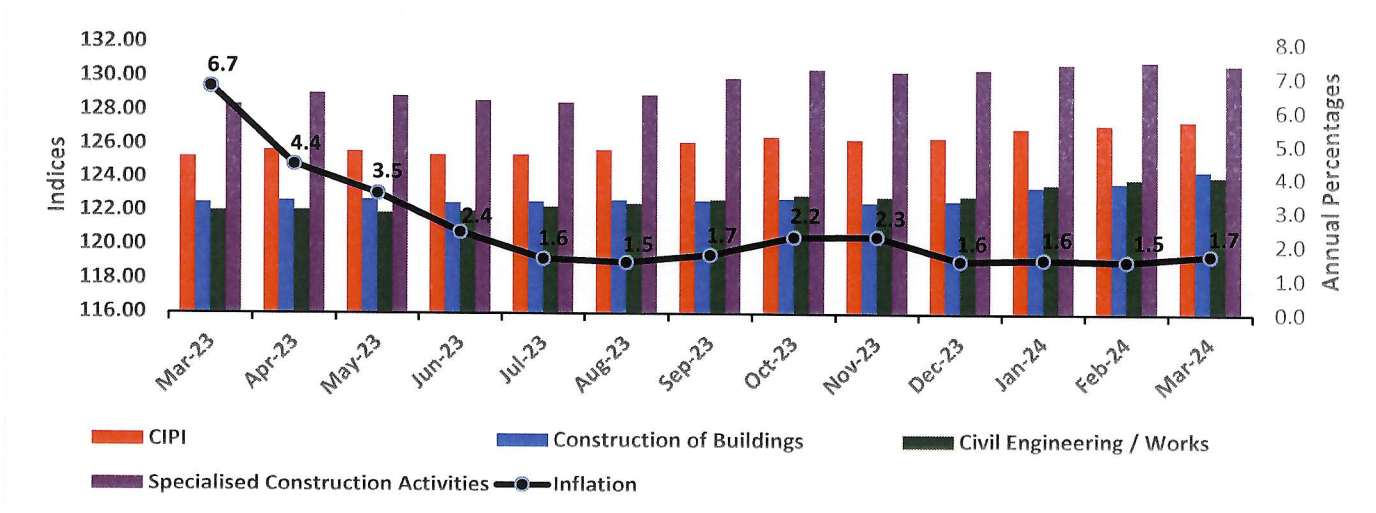
at 0.8 percent in the year ending March 2024 compared to 0.9 percent registered in the year ended February 2024.

The overall Annual Construction Input Price Index and Construction Sector Inflation for the 12 months to March 2024 are shown in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Overall Annual CIPI and Construction Sector Inflation (Base: 2016/17 = 100)**

MONTH	OVERALL CIPI	CONSTRUCTION SECTOR INFLATION
March 2024	127.44	1.7
February 2024	127.21	1.5
January 2024	127.00	1.6
December 2023	126.42	1.6
November 2023	126.30	2.3
October 2023	126.48	2.2
September 2023	126.15	1.7
August 2023	125.66	1.5
July 2023	125.39	1.6
June 2023	125.39	2.4
May 2023	125.60	3.5
April 2023	125.67	4.4
March 2023	125.28	6.7

**Figure 1: Annual Headline Construction Sector Inflation: March 2023 – March 2024**



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The overall Annual Construction Input Price Index and Construction Sector Inflation according to ISIC Divisions of Section F for the 12 months to March 2024 are shown in Table 2 below.

**Table 2: Annual Construction Sector Inflation by ISIC Divisions (Base: 2016/17 = 100)**

Description	Weights	Annual % Change for February 2024	Annual % Change for March 2024
<b>Construction Input Price Index (CIPI)</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Construction of Buildings</b>	<b>421.08</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Construction of Residential Buildings	195.00	0.9	1.3
Construction of Non-Residential Buildings	226.07	1.3	1.8
<b>Civil Engineering / Works</b>	<b>96.89</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Construction of Roads and Railways	80.95	1.2	2.1
Construction of Utility Projects (Water projects)	15.94	0.5	-0.2
<b>Specialised Construction Activities</b>	<b>482.04</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Demolition and Site Preparation	91.01	3.3	3.4
Electrical, Plumbing and Other Construction Installation Activities	127.48	2.9	2.6
Building Completion and Finishing	263.55	2.9	0.8



## 2.0 Monthly Construction Sector Inflation

On a month to month basis, the Construction Sector Inflation of inputs into the Construction Sector increased by 0.2 percent in the month of March 2024 the same rate registered in the month of February 2024.

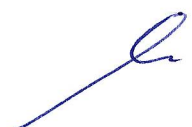
This was mainly due to 0.6 percent increase in the Construction Sector Inflation of inputs into Construction of Buildings in March 2024 compared to 0.2 percent increase registered in February 2024. Specifically, Construction Sector Inflation of inputs into Construction of Non-Residential Buildings increased by 0.7 percent in March 2024 compared to 0.2 percent increase registered in February 2024. In addition, Construction Sector Inflation of inputs for Construction of Residential Buildings increased by 0.5 percent in March 2024 compared to 0.2 percent increase registered in February 2024 as shown in Table 3 below.

**Table 3: Monthly Construction Sector Inflation by ISIC Divisions (Base: 2016/17 = 100)**

Description	Weights	Monthly % Change for February 2024	Monthly % Change for March 2024
<b>Construction Input Price Index (CIPI)</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Construction of Buildings</b>	<b>421.08</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Construction of Residential Buildings	195.00	0.2	0.5
Construction of Non-Residential Buildings	226.07	0.2	0.7
<b>Civil Engineering / Works</b>	<b>96.89</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Construction of Roads and Railways	80.95	0.3	0.1
Construction of Utility Projects (Water projects)	15.94	0.2	0.3
<b>Specialised Construction Activities</b>	<b>482.04</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
Demolition and Site Preparation	91.01	-0.2	0.9
Electrical, Plumbing and Other Construction Installation Activities	127.48	0.1	0.5
Building Completion and Finishing	263.55	0.3	0.0

In the month of March 2024, products whose prices increased were; Timber increased by 0.9 percent in March 2024 compared to 0.2 percent decrease registered in February 2024, Sheet Steel & Roofing Sheets increased by 4.6 percent in March 2024 compared to 0.9 percent registered in the month of March 2024, High tensile bars increased by 1.3 percent in March 2024 compared to 0.0 percent registered in the month of February 2024 and Concrete bricks increased by 0.2 percent in March 2024 compared to 0.0 percent registered in the month of February 2024.

However, Diesel prices decreased by 1.1 percent in March 2024 compared to 0.2 percent decrease in February 2024, Sand prices decreased by 0.5 percent in March 2024 compared to 1.4 percent increase in February 2024 and Clays and Murram prices decreased by 0.1 percent in March 2024 compared to 0.8 percent increase registered in February 2024.



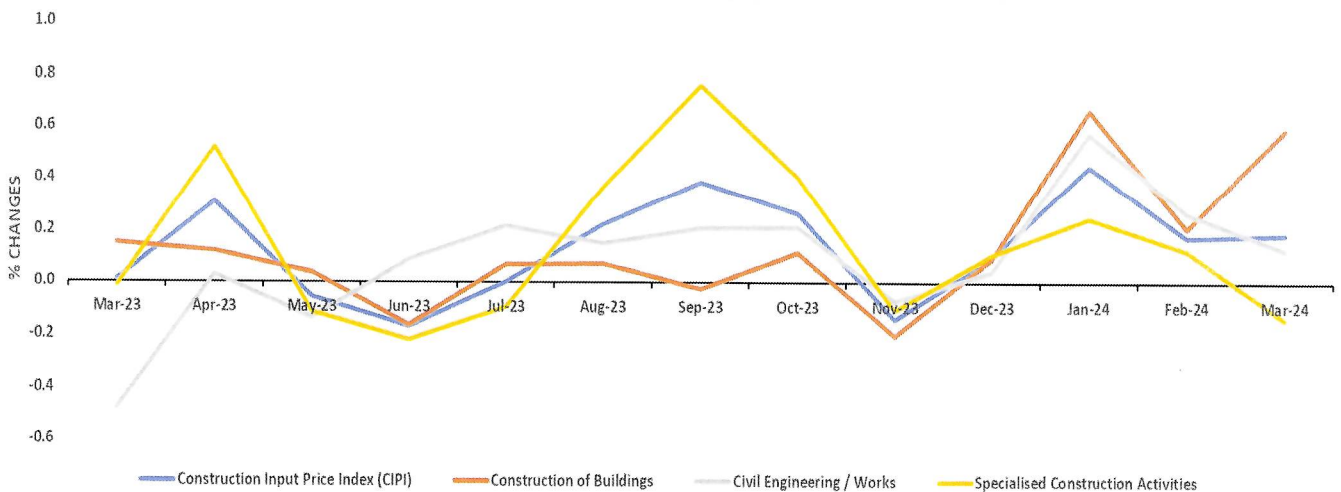
The overall monthly Construction Input Price Index for the 12 months to March 2024 are shown in Table 4 below.

**Table 4: Overall Monthly CIPI and Construction Sector Inflation (Base: 2016/17 = 100)**

MONTH	OVERALL CIPI	CONSTRUCTION SECTOR INFLATION
March 2024	127.44	0.2
February 2024	127.21	0.2
January 2024	127.00	0.5
December 2023	126.42	0.1
November 2023	126.30	-0.1
October 2023	126.48	0.3
September 2023	126.15	0.4
August 2023	125.66	0.2
July 2023	125.39	0.0
June 2023	125.39	-0.2
May 2023	125.60	-0.1
April 2023	125.67	0.3
March 2023	125.28	0.0

Figure 2 below shows the monthly trends for the overall Construction Input Price Index, Construction of Buildings, Civil Engineering/Works, and Specialised Construction Activities for one year period.

**Figure 2: Monthly Headline Inflation: March 2023 – March 2024**



## Annex 1 : OVERALL CONSTRUCTION INPUT PRICE INDEX

*Base Period 2016/17=100*

S No	Selected Products	Weight	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24
1	Aggregate, hardcore, crushed / broken stone	30.4496	138.36	138.41	138.15	138.79	141.35	141.12	140.51	140.78	140.57	140.50	141.95	143.15	141.81
2	Cement	105.7605	109.58	108.61	109.12	108.44	108.22	107.84	108.19	108.24	107.60	108.05	108.43	108.64	108.68
3	Ceramic wall and floor tiles	37.6980	155.76	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95
4	Clay bricks and tiles	24.0773	142.41	142.42	142.40	142.34	144.46	146.01	145.19	145.21	146.24	146.24	146.44	146.51	146.53
5	Concrete bricks, blocks and slabs	12.6706	107.67	107.45	107.44	107.41	106.75	106.76	107.10	107.57	107.75	107.75	107.64	107.67	107.93
6	Diesel	86.2827	179.60	177.80	176.74	175.64	173.83	176.62	182.96	186.44	186.66	187.55	188.28	187.83	185.85
7	Eucalyptus Props	2.4599	151.02	148.40	148.40	147.71	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21
8	High tensile steel bars	25.6560	156.35	156.50	156.40	155.20	154.31	154.52	153.67	154.41	152.81	154.45	156.94	157.02	159.12
9	Lime	3.8459	116.37	115.83	115.83	115.83	113.22	115.05	117.51	117.03	117.03	117.03	115.98	115.98	107.23
10	Nails, bolts & screws	30.4726	121.80	120.26	121.67	120.92	121.06	122.17	120.92	120.06	119.70	118.85	121.21	125.22	127.50
11	Paints and varnishes	45.5466	122.68	124.01	123.84	124.08	125.17	124.09	124.11	123.37	123.10	124.05	123.48	123.49	122.85
12	Plastic pipes and fittings	13.9662	110.23	109.16	109.16	107.34	106.62	106.62	106.48	105.58	105.25	105.25	105.25	105.82	105.82
13	Sand	15.9509	145.31	145.51	145.42	142.93	142.82	142.85	142.69	144.03	143.39	142.91	143.81	145.83	145.08
14	Sheet steel/ roofing sheets and similar	9.0705	133.29	132.85	132.39	130.89	129.51	128.87	128.95	128.92	128.75	128.64	131.08	130.61	136.58
15	Timber, coniferous, greater than 6mm thick	22.7874	117.38	117.38	117.90	117.96	117.64	117.64	117.64	117.96	118.07	118.07	118.44	118.23	119.30
	<b>Materials</b>	<b>802.6220</b>	<b>129.20</b>	<b>129.58</b>	<b>129.50</b>	<b>129.17</b>	<b>128.96</b>	<b>129.26</b>	<b>129.81</b>	<b>130.20</b>	<b>130.05</b>	<b>130.20</b>	<b>130.84</b>	<b>131.07</b>	<b>131.28</b>
16	Utilities	7.1000	125.05	125.05	125.05	125.05	137.56	138.94	140.32	141.72	141.72	141.72	141.72	141.72	141.72
17	Equipment Hire Charges	121.1523	103.21	103.21	103.17	103.21	103.70	103.92	104.15	104.23	103.63	103.63	103.73	103.74	104.07
18	Labour	69.1257	118.57	119.78	119.78	120.38	120.66	120.70	120.79	120.77	120.96	120.96	121.78	122.03	122.28
	<b>OVERALL CONSTRUCTION INDEX</b>	<b>1000.0000</b>	<b>125.29</b>	<b>125.67</b>	<b>125.60</b>	<b>125.39</b>	<b>125.39</b>	<b>125.67</b>	<b>126.15</b>	<b>126.49</b>	<b>126.31</b>	<b>126.43</b>	<b>127.00</b>	<b>127.21</b>	<b>127.44</b>

## Annex 2: CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS INDEX

*Base Period 2016/17=100*

S No	Selected Products	Weight	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24
1	Aggregate, hardcore, crushed, or broken stone	14,8789	138.36	138.41	138.15	138.79	141.35	141.12	140.51	140.78	140.57	140.50	141.95	143.15	141.81
2	Cement	53,3576	109.58	108.61	109.12	108.44	108.22	107.84	108.19	108.24	107.60	108.05	108.43	108.64	108.68
3	Ceramic wall and floor tiles	9,1332	155.76	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95
4	Clay bricks and tiles	16,0338	142.41	142.42	142.40	142.34	144.46	146.01	145.19	145.21	146.24	146.24	146.44	146.51	146.53
5	Concrete bricks, blocks and slabs	6,9015	107.67	107.45	107.44	107.41	106.75	106.76	107.10	107.57	107.75	107.75	107.64	107.67	107.93
6	Diesel	4,2963	179.60	177.80	176.74	175.64	173.83	176.62	182.96	186.44	186.66	187.55	188.28	187.83	188.85
7	Eucalyptus Props	2,4419	151.02	148.40	148.40	147.71	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21
8	High tensile steel bars	23,7058	156.35	156.50	156.40	155.20	154.31	154.52	153.67	154.41	152.81	154.45	156.94	157.02	159.12
9	Lime	2,1570	116.37	115.83	115.83	115.83	113.22	115.05	117.51	117.03	117.03	117.03	115.98	115.98	107.23
10	Nails, bolts & screws	10,0770	121.80	120.26	121.67	120.92	121.06	122.17	120.92	120.06	119.70	118.85	121.21	125.22	127.50
11	Paints and varnishes	10,8116	122.68	124.01	123.84	124.08	125.17	124.09	124.11	123.37	123.10	124.05	123.48	123.49	122.85
12	Plastic pipes and fittings	3,7058	110.23	109.16	109.16	107.34	106.62	106.62	106.48	105.58	105.25	105.25	105.25	105.82	105.82
13	Sand	8,7466	145.31	145.51	145.42	142.93	142.82	142.85	142.69	144.03	143.39	142.91	143.81	145.83	145.08
14	Sheet steel, roofing sheets & similar	9,0705	133.29	132.85	132.39	130.89	129.51	128.87	128.95	128.92	128.75	128.64	131.08	130.61	136.58
15	Timber, coniferous, greater than 6mm thick	17,7297	117.38	117.38	117.90	117.96	117.64	117.64	117.64	117.96	118.07	118.07	118.44	118.23	119.30
	<b>Total Materials</b>	<b>315,0840</b>	<b>126.67</b>	<b>126.70</b>	<b>126.76</b>	<b>126.40</b>	<b>126.26</b>	<b>126.31</b>	<b>126.20</b>	<b>126.35</b>	<b>126.11</b>	<b>126.26</b>	<b>127.26</b>	<b>127.53</b>	<b>128.40</b>
16	Utilities	2,9907	125.05	125.05	125.05	125.05	137.56	138.94	140.32	141.72	141.72	141.72	141.72	141.72	141.72
17	Equipment Hire Charges	59,6470	103.21	103.21	103.17	103.21	103.70	103.92	104.15	104.23	103.63	103.63	103.73	103.74	104.07
18	Labour	43,3536	118.57	119.78	119.78	120.38	120.66	120.70	120.79	120.77	120.96	120.96	121.78	122.03	122.28
	<b>Overall Building Index</b>	<b>421,0753</b>	<b>122.50</b>	<b>122.65</b>	<b>122.69</b>	<b>122.49</b>	<b>122.57</b>	<b>122.65</b>	<b>122.62</b>	<b>122.75</b>	<b>122.51</b>	<b>122.62</b>	<b>123.47</b>	<b>123.69</b>	<b>124.42</b>

### Annex 3: CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS INDEX

Base Period 2016/17=100

S No	Selected Products	Weight	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24
1	Aggregate, hardcore, crushed/broken stone	14.8509	138.36	138.41	138.15	138.79	141.35	141.12	140.51	140.78	140.57	140.50	141.95	143.15	141.81
2	Bitumen and bitumen primer	22.4555	118.42	118.54	118.39	118.41	118.04	118.41	118.85	119.07	119.29	119.23	119.36	119.55	119.73
3	Cement	3.6797	109.58	108.61	109.12	108.44	108.22	107.84	108.19	108.24	107.60	108.05	108.43	108.64	108.68
4	Clays and murram	4.2186	126.79	126.79	126.08	126.52	124.87	124.87	124.87	124.87	124.87	124.87	131.44	132.26	132.26
5	Concrete bricks, blocks and slabs	5.4440	107.67	107.45	107.44	107.41	106.75	106.76	107.10	107.57	107.75	107.75	107.64	107.67	107.93
6	Diesel	2.9294	179.60	177.80	176.74	175.64	173.83	176.62	182.96	186.44	186.66	187.55	188.28	187.83	185.85
7	High tensile steel bars	1.9412	156.35	156.50	156.40	155.20	154.31	154.52	153.67	154.41	152.81	154.45	156.94	157.02	159.12
8	Insulated Electrical Cables	1.4732	123.60	123.61	123.59	123.59	123.59	123.59	123.59	124.79	124.79	124.79	126.66	126.66	140.00
9	Iron pipes	0.1992	166.93	166.93	166.93	166.93	166.93	166.93	166.93	166.93	166.93	166.93	166.93	166.93	166.93
10	Nails, bolts & screws	0.6857	121.80	120.26	121.67	120.92	121.06	122.17	120.92	120.06	119.70	118.85	121.21	125.22	127.50
11	Plastic pipes and fittings	1.6945	110.23	109.16	109.16	107.34	106.62	106.62	106.48	105.58	105.25	105.25	105.25	105.82	105.82
12	Steel pipe fittings	0.1594	132.13	132.13	132.13	132.13	129.34	129.34	129.34	129.34	129.34	129.34	129.34	129.34	129.34
13	Steel tubes and pipes	0.9924	138.90	138.91	133.73	138.31	138.31	138.51	140.71	140.96	141.29	141.29	129.81	131.31	131.79
	<b>Total Materials</b>	<b>73.4809</b>	<b>125.84</b>	<b>125.72</b>	<b>125.51</b>	<b>125.56</b>	<b>125.66</b>	<b>125.84</b>	<b>126.11</b>	<b>126.43</b>	<b>126.40</b>	<b>126.46</b>	<b>127.26</b>	<b>127.67</b>	<b>127.77</b>
14	Utilities	0.6604	125.05	125.05	125.05	125.05	137.56	138.94	140.32	141.72	141.72	141.72	141.72	141.72	141.72
15	Equipment Hire Charges	13.1711	103.21	103.21	103.17	103.21	103.70	103.92	104.15	104.23	103.63	103.63	103.73	103.74	104.07
16	Labour	9.5732	118.57	119.78	119.78	120.38	120.66	120.70	120.79	120.77	120.96	120.96	121.78	122.03	122.28
	<b>Overall Civil Engineering works Index</b>	<b>96.8855</b>	<b>122.04</b>	<b>122.07</b>	<b>121.90</b>	<b>122.01</b>	<b>122.26</b>	<b>122.45</b>	<b>122.70</b>	<b>122.96</b>	<b>122.87</b>	<b>122.92</b>	<b>123.62</b>	<b>123.95</b>	<b>124.10</b>



# Annex 4: SPECIALISED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES INDEX

Base Period 2016/17=100

S No	Selected Products	Weight	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24
1	Aggregate, hardcore, crushed / broken stone	0.7198	138.36	138.41	138.15	138.79	141.35	141.12	140.51	140.78	140.57	140.50	141.95	143.15	141.81
2	Cement	48.7231	109.58	108.61	109.12	108.44	108.22	107.84	108.19	108.24	107.60	108.05	108.43	108.64	108.68
3	Ceramic wall and floor tiles	28.5648	155.76	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95	158.95
4	Clay bricks and tiles	8.0435	142.41	142.42	142.40	142.34	144.46	146.01	145.19	145.21	146.24	146.24	146.44	146.51	146.53
5	Concrete bricks, blocks and slabs	0.3251	107.67	107.45	107.44	107.41	106.75	106.76	107.10	107.57	107.75	107.75	107.64	107.67	107.93
6	Diesel	79.0569	179.60	177.80	176.74	175.64	173.83	176.62	182.96	186.44	186.66	187.55	188.28	187.83	185.85
7	Doors, windows & frames of iron, steel / aluminum	50.7817	116.10	116.10	116.03	115.37	115.33	115.46	115.68	115.68	115.43	114.68	115.46	115.46	115.46
8	Eucalyptus Props	0.0180	151.02	148.40	148.40	147.71	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21	147.21
9	High tensile steel bars	0.0090	156.35	156.50	156.40	155.20	154.31	154.52	153.67	154.41	152.81	154.45	156.94	157.02	159.12
10	Insulated Electrical Cables	3.5327	123.60	123.61	123.59	123.59	123.59	123.59	123.59	124.79	124.79	124.79	126.66	126.66	140.00
11	Lime	1.6889	116.37	115.83	115.83	115.83	113.22	115.05	117.51	117.03	117.03	117.03	115.98	115.98	107.23
12	Nails, bolts & screws	19.7099	121.80	120.26	121.67	120.92	121.06	122.17	120.92	120.06	119.70	118.85	121.21	125.22	127.50
13	Paints and varnishes	34.7350	122.68	124.01	123.84	124.08	125.17	124.09	124.11	123.37	123.10	124.05	123.48	123.49	122.85
14	Plastic pipes and fittings	8.5659	110.23	109.16	109.16	107.34	106.62	106.62	106.48	105.58	105.25	105.25	105.25	105.82	105.82
15	Sand	7.2043	145.31	145.51	145.42	142.93	142.82	142.85	142.69	144.03	143.39	142.91	143.81	145.83	145.08
	<b>Total Materials</b>	<b>414.0571</b>	<b>131.72</b>	<b>132.45</b>	<b>132.28</b>	<b>131.92</b>	<b>131.61</b>	<b>132.12</b>	<b>133.22</b>	<b>133.81</b>	<b>133.71</b>	<b>133.87</b>	<b>134.19</b>	<b>134.37</b>	<b>134.10</b>
16	Utilities	3.4489	125.05	125.05	125.05	125.05	137.56	138.94	140.32	141.72	141.72	141.72	141.72	141.72	141.72
17	Equipment Hire Charges	48.3343	103.21	103.21	103.17	103.21	103.70	103.92	104.15	104.23	103.63	103.63	103.73	103.74	104.07
18	Labour	16.1989	118.57	119.78	119.78	120.38	120.66	120.70	120.79	120.77	120.96	120.96	121.78	122.03	122.28
	<b>Overall Specialised Construction Activities</b>	<b>482.0392</b>	<b>128.38</b>	<b>129.04</b>	<b>128.89</b>	<b>128.61</b>	<b>128.49</b>	<b>128.96</b>	<b>129.94</b>	<b>130.46</b>	<b>130.32</b>	<b>130.46</b>	<b>130.78</b>	<b>130.94</b>	<b>130.75</b>