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## Key findings

### Table 1: Contract price adjustment provisions (CPAP) work group indices

Noteworthy month-on-month changes in April 2024 were as follows:

Work group 160 – electrical installations: the index increased by 1,9%. There was a change of 3,1% in the SEIFSA index for copper 7.9 mm rod (table N) (accounting for 35,0% of this group).

Work group 172 – refrigeration installations: the index increased by 1,6%. There were changes of 3,6% in the SEIFSA index for metal price - copper - metric ton (table F) (accounting for 40,0% of this group) and 0,7% in the index for electrical engineering (accounting for 10,0% of this group).

Work group 118 – masonry: the index decreased by 1,3%. There was a change of -2,6% in the PPI index for granite, sandstone and other monumental and building stone (accounting for 54,0% of this group).

Work group 122 – non metal roofing: the index decreased by 1,3%. There was a change of -4,1% in the PPI index for roof tiles (accounting for 40,0% of this group).

### Tables 2 and 3: Construction input price index (CIPI)

The annual change in the index for total construction was 8,5% in April 2024. The index increased by 0,3% month-on-month.

The following indices recorded noteworthy month-on-month changes:

- electrical cable (2,8%);
- construction tyres (2,5%);
- ready-mix concrete (2,1%);
- electrical components (1,8%);
- construction structural and reinforcing steel (-0,5%);
- bituminous mixtures (-1,3%); and
- construction stone and sand (-1,9%).

### Table 4: Mining and construction plant and equipment price indices

The annual change in the index for plant and equipment was 6,6% in April 2024. The index increased by 1,0% month-on-month.

### Table 5: Mechanical and electrical engineering input price indices

The annual change in the index for mechanical engineering was 6,2% in April 2024. The index decreased by 0,1% month-on-month.

The annual change in the index for electrical engineering was 7,4% in April 2024. The index increased by 0,7% month-on-month.

### Table 6: Civil engineering material price indices

The annual change in the index for civil engineering material - total was 8,9% in April 2024. The index increased by 0,1% month-on-month.

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## Detailed results

Table 1 – Contract price adjustment provisions (CPAP) work group indices

Base: Dec 2023=100

Month and year	102	104	106	110	111	112	113	114
	Alterations	Earthworks	Piling	Concrete (excluding formwork)	Formwork	Precast concrete	Post tensioning	Reinforcement
Apr 2023	97,1	96,2	97,4	98,4	98,4	98,3	99,2	102,3
May 2023	97,2	96,3	97,6	98,3	98,5	98,4	99,2	103,1
Jun 2023	97,4	96,7	97,7	98,0	98,3	98,2	99,3	103,1
Jul 2023	98,3	99,0	99,7	99,7	98,2	98,5	99,5	101,9
Aug 2023	98,6	99,2	99,9	100,0	98,2	98,5	99,6	101,1
Sep 2023	99,2	99,6	100,0	99,9	98,8	98,8	99,7	101,2
Oct 2023	100,1	100,0	100,3	100,3	99,3	99,1	100,0	101,1
Nov 2023	100,0	99,9	100,2	100,1	99,9	99,3	100,0	101,3
Dec 2023	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
Jan 2024	100,1	100,3	101,9	102,0	101,1	102,3	100,0	107,3
Feb 2024	101,1	100,9	102,9	105,3	100,7	103,0	105,7	106,5
Mar 2024	101,9	101,2	103,3	104,1	101,2	103,5	105,9	110,6
Apr 2024	102,1	101,8	103,6	103,8	101,9	103,7	106,0	109,9

Month and year	116	118	120	122	124	125	126	129
	Brick and block work	Masonry	Water proofing	Non metal roofing	Metal roofing (steel)	Metal roofing (aluminium)	Carpentry and joinery	Ceilings
Apr 2023	92,4	98,3	90,3	100,1	100,5	96,6	100,7	96,7
May 2023	94,3	99,5	90,6	100,0	100,5	101,2	100,6	98,6
Jun 2023	94,4	98,6	95,3	99,3	98,7	105,7	100,5	98,8
Jul 2023	95,4	98,9	90,4	99,1	96,9	99,3	99,0	99,9
Aug 2023	97,0	99,6	92,6	99,0	97,0	92,8	99,1	100,5
Sep 2023	97,3	99,4	96,2	99,1	97,1	97,8	99,7	100,6
Oct 2023	96,4	98,4	100,4	98,5	97,2	99,2	99,5	101,1
Nov 2023	99,0	99,6	99,9	98,2	100,0	99,0	99,9	101,7
Dec 2023	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
Jan 2024	100,5	100,0	98,7	97,8	98,8	97,7	102,0	102,6
Feb 2024	99,4	100,9	99,3	99,6	98,9	98,9	101,7	103,3
Mar 2024	101,0	101,3	99,4	103,9	99,1	101,3	102,2	105,7
Apr 2024	102,0	100,0	98,6	102,6	99,1	101,3	103,4	105,7

Month and year	130	132	134	136	138	140	141	142
	Resilient floor and wall coverings	Ironmongery	Structural steelwork in buildings	Metalwork	Partitioning systems	Aluminium work	Stainless steel work	In situ finishes
Apr 2023	99,3	91,9	98,5	98,0	99,3	96,2	107,3	97,3
May 2023	99,3	92,4	98,9	98,4	99,7	99,4	105,3	97,6
Jun 2023	99,4	92,5	98,4	97,8	99,7	99,5	100,2	97,5
Jul 2023	99,6	95,8	98,1	97,2	98,3	97,0	100,7	98,6
Aug 2023	99,6	95,9	97,6	96,5	98,3	97,1	100,8	99,0
Sep 2023	99,8	96,0	98,1	97,0	98,8	97,2	99,9	99,3
Oct 2023	100,0	96,7	98,5	97,3	98,5	96,2	99,8	99,9
Nov 2023	100,0	96,6	100,0	99,0	99,3	100,0	99,7	100,0
Dec 2023	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
Jan 2024	101,7	103,3	101,0	101,1	102,0	100,2	100,1	100,6
Feb 2024	101,9	103,5	100,1	99,8	101,9	100,6	100,6	102,5
Mar 2024	102,1	103,7	100,1	99,7	102,3	101,0	101,0	102,3
Apr 2024	102,2	103,8	100,6	100,1	103,4	101,0	101,7	102,5

**Table 1 – Contract price adjustment provisions (CPAP) work group indices (concluded)**

Base: Dec 2023=100

Month and year	144	146	148	149	150	152	154	160
	Tiling	Drainage	Plumbing	Aluminium shop fronts and pre-glazed windows	Glazing	Painting	Roadwork	Electrical installations
Apr 2023	98,8	96,2	98,8	96,9	97,4	99,2	96,3	100,1
May 2023	98,8	96,5	98,7	98,2	97,4	100,0	95,6	100,1
Jun 2023	98,8	96,4	97,6	98,3	97,4	99,5	97,6	99,0
Jul 2023	99,3	99,2	99,7	97,4	97,5	99,6	97,0	98,6
Aug 2023	99,4	99,5	99,9	97,6	97,5	100,2	97,9	97,2
Sep 2023	99,6	99,7	99,8	98,7	99,9	100,5	100,0	98,9
Oct 2023	100,0	100,3	100,1	98,4	100,0	100,6	102,3	99,3
Nov 2023	100,0	100,2	100,1	100,0	100,0	100,4	100,8	98,8
Dec 2023	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
Jan 2024	100,1	99,8	99,9	100,1	100,0	100,6	100,9	99,4
Feb 2024	101,1	100,6	100,4	100,5	100,1	100,5	102,8	99,2
Mar 2024	101,4	101,1	99,6	101,6	102,3	101,6	103,4	100,1
Apr 2024	101,5	101,7	100,1	101,7	102,3	101,5	102,6	102,0

Month and year	162	170	171	172	173	180	181	190
	Electrical reticulation	Mechanical services	Ductwork installations	Refrigeration installations	Steel water pipe installations	Lump sum domestic buildings	Commercial/ industrial buildings	Preliminaries
Apr 2023	99,8	94,3	98,5	99,6	95,1	97,2	97,9	96,3
May 2023	100,9	94,9	98,7	99,5	96,9	97,7	98,1	96,0
Jun 2023	100,9	94,9	97,3	98,5	96,9	97,3	98,0	95,6
Jul 2023	99,2	97,1	98,3	100,7	99,5	97,9	98,5	97,3
Aug 2023	96,3	97,8	98,3	100,0	98,6	98,3	98,7	98,1
Sep 2023	98,6	99,0	98,1	100,7	98,2	98,9	99,4	100,5
Oct 2023	99,1	99,0	98,1	101,2	97,7	99,1	99,8	102,4
Nov 2023	98,2	99,4	100,0	100,0	99,0	99,7	100,0	101,7
Dec 2023	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
Jan 2024	99,1	99,5	99,5	101,6	99,4	100,4	100,7	99,3
Feb 2024	99,4	99,5	99,2	101,6	98,4	100,7	101,2	100,5
Mar 2024	100,5	99,9	99,3	101,9	100,4	101,3	101,8	101,6
Apr 2024	101,9	99,8	99,2	103,5	99,6	101,9	102,2	102,0

**Table 2 – Construction input price index (CIPI): material purchases by type of service**

Service	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change	
		Apr 2023	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	Apr 2024 vs. Mar 2024	Apr 2024 vs. Apr 2023
<b>Total construction</b>	100,00	96,1	104,0	104,3	0,3	8,5
Site preparation	1,57	92,4	104,5	104,4	-0,1	13,0
Civil engineering; Building of complete structures	63,93	95,6	104,6	104,7	0,1	9,5
Building installation	16,98	96,7	101,5	102,8	1,3	6,3
Building completion	15,33	97,1	103,6	103,5	-0,1	6,6
Renting of construction or demolition equipment with operators	2,19	98,7	107,9	108,2	0,3	9,6

**Table 3 – Construction input price index (CIPI): material purchases for the whole industry**

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change	
		Apr 2023	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	Apr 2024 vs. Mar 2024	Apr 2024 vs. Apr 2023
<b>Total construction</b>	100,00	96,1	104,0	104,3	0,3	8,5
<b>Construction stone and sand</b>	5,01	103,2	108,5	106,4	-1,9	3,1
<b>Aggregate stone</b>	4,00	104,8	110,3	108,1	-2,0	3,1
<b>Sand</b>	0,50	100,1	101,2	101,2	0,0	1,1
<b>Granite, sandstone and other monumental and building stone</b>	0,51	99,3	100,8	98,2	-2,6	-1,1
<b>Carpets (excluding mats and rugs)</b>	2,07	100,0	107,5	107,5	0,0	7,5
<b>Builders' carpentry of wood</b>	1,35	115,7	103,4	103,4	0,0	-10,6
<b>Paints</b>	2,75	103,3	100,9	100,5	-0,4	-2,7
<b>Construction tyres</b>	0,40	99,0	99,8	102,3	2,5	3,3
<b>Construction pipes, tubes and fittings</b>	6,84	94,8	100,0	101,1	1,1	6,6
<b>Tubes, pipes, tube-fittings and pipe-fittings of copper</b>	2,78	99,5	99,9	102,6	2,7	3,1
<b>Construction plastic pipes, tubes and fittings</b>	4,06	92,7	100,0	100,0	0,0	7,9
<b>Vinyl sheeting and flooring</b>	1,28	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
<b>Construction bricks and tiles</b>	7,37	96,5	101,2	101,0	-0,2	4,7
<b>Bricks</b>	3,27	93,1	100,2	101,4	1,2	8,9
<b>Tiles</b>	4,10	100,1	102,0	100,7	-1,3	0,6
<b>Cement</b>	7,37	95,9	103,1	103,4	0,3	7,8
<b>Ready-mix concrete</b>	9,26	97,7	106,2	108,4	2,1	11,0
<b>Prefabricated concrete and cement</b>	1,93	101,2	102,1	103,2	1,1	2,0
<b>Ceiling boards</b>	0,25	97,2	108,6	108,6	0,0	11,7
<b>Pre-mix asphalt</b>	4,08	91,8	99,8	99,6	-0,2	8,5
<b>Bituminous mixtures</b>	2,88	87,1	96,6	95,3	-1,3	9,4
<b>Construction structural and reinforcing steel</b>	26,69	95,4	108,1	107,6	-0,5	12,8
<b>Reinforcing metal work</b>	14,43	104,3	113,5	112,5	-0,9	7,9
<b>Equipment for scaffolding, shuttering and propping</b>	1,70	101,8	98,7	98,3	-0,4	-3,4
<b>Welded angles, shapes and sections for use in manufactured structures</b>	1,88	90,2	111,3	111,3	0,0	23,4
<b>Steel door and window frames</b>	8,68	90,9	100,0	100,0	0,0	10,0
<b>Construction electric motors, generators or transformers</b>	4,08	85,6	102,2	102,1	-0,1	19,3
<b>Electrical components</b>	3,79	94,2	99,7	101,5	1,8	7,7
<b>Electrical cable</b>	6,78	98,6	101,8	104,7	2,8	6,2
<b>Construction electricity distribution and control equipment</b>	4,73	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
<b>Nails, screws and metal fasteners</b>	1,09	97,3	112,0	112,0	0,0	15,1

**Table 4 – Mining and construction plant and equipment price indices**

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change		
		Apr 2023	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	Apr 2024 vs. Mar 2024	Apr 2024 vs. Apr 2023	
<b>Plant and equipment</b>	100,00	95,3	100,6	101,6	1,0	6,6	
<b>Lifting and handling equipment and parts thereof</b>	8,02	98,6	101,9	108,4	6,4	9,9	
<b>Machinery for mining, quarrying and construction and parts thereof</b>	20,09	95,6	101,4	101,9	0,5	6,6	
	<b>Moving, grading, levelling, scraping, excavating, tamping, compacting and extracting machinery</b>	13,69	97,7	100,9	101,2	0,3	3,6
	<b>Machinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding, mixing and kneading of construction material</b>	6,40	91,9	102,2	103,2	1,0	12,3
<b>Lorries, trucks and vans exceeding 3,5 tons</b>	71,89	95,0	100,2	100,7	0,5	6,0	

**Table 5 – Mechanical and electrical engineering input price indices**

Service	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change	
		Apr 2023	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	Apr 2024 vs. Mar 2024	Apr 2024 vs. Apr 2023
<b>Mechanical engineering</b>	100,00	97,0	103,1	103,0	-0,1	6,2
<b>Electrical engineering</b>	100,00	95,7	102,1	102,8	0,7	7,4

**Table 6 – Civil engineering material price indices<sup>1</sup>**

Product	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change	
	Apr 2023	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	Apr 2024 vs. Mar 2024	Apr 2024 vs. Apr 2023
<b>Civil engineering material - total</b>	96,4	104,9	105,0	0,1	8,9
<b>Civil engineering material (excluding bitumen)</b>	98,8	105,3	105,5	0,2	6,8
<b>Civil engineering material (excluding reinforcing metal work)</b>	94,4	104,4	104,5	0,1	10,7
<b>Civil engineering material (excluding reinforcing metal work and bitumen)</b>	98,2	104,5	104,7	0,2	6,6
<b>Civil engineering material - structures (excluding bitumen)</b>	101,1	105,1	105,2	0,1	4,1
<b>Civil engineering material - roads, general</b>	98,6	104,3	103,1	-1,2	4,6
<b>Civil engineering material - roads, general (excluding bitumen)</b>	102,4	106,2	105,2	-0,9	2,7
<b>Civil engineering material - roads, refurbishment</b>	96,2	103,6	102,4	-1,2	6,4
<b>Civil engineering material - roads, refurbishment (excluding bitumen)</b>	102,2	106,3	105,0	-1,2	2,7
<b>Civil engineering material - roads, reseal</b>	91,2	99,7	98,8	-0,9	8,3
<b>Civil engineering material - roads, reseal (excluding bitumen)</b>	101,1	105,9	104,9	-0,9	3,8
<b>Civil engineering material - bulk earthworks</b>	99,2	104,8	103,8	-1,0	4,6
<b>Civil engineering material - bulk earthworks (excluding bitumen)</b>	100,5	105,5	104,5	-0,9	4,0

<sup>1</sup> The information in this table is published in conjunction with engineering associations SAFCEC and SAICE.



## Glossary

<b>Construction Input Price Indices (CIPI)</b>	The index reflects material purchases in the construction industry.
<b>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP)</b>	The CPAP work group indices are used for making adjustments based on cost fluctuations in labour, plant and materials.
<b>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions Steering Committee</b>	The committee is the oversight structure for the Construction Price Adjustment Provisions published by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) and includes representatives from the following industry associations and organisations: The Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS), Electrical Contractors' Association (SA), Master Builders South Africa, South African Institute of Architects, Department of Public Works and Stats SA.
<b>CPAP manuals</b>	The updated CPAP manuals "CPAP Application Manual" and "CPAP Work Groups Composition and Weighting of Sub-Indices" are obtainable from ASAQS' website: <a href="http://www.asaqs.co.za">www.asaqs.co.za</a> – search for CPAP, or by phoning (012) 406 3304.
<b>Respondent response rate</b>	The respondent response rate for April 2024 was 98,7%. The rate was calculated using the total number of companies where prices were collected as a percentage of the total sample.
<b>Sources for CPAP</b>	The CPAP work group indices are derived from changes in the cost structures prevailing in 38 different work activities of the building industry and are published by Stats SA on a monthly basis. The indices reported on in this publication are mainly based on a combination of PPI, SEIFSA and CPI indices for the particular month.
<b>Tax</b>	Value-added tax (VAT) is not included in these indices.
<b>Weights</b>	Weights are updated according to the availability of new information, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tables 1 and 6 are updated periodically in consultation with industry expert committees.</li> <li>• Tables 2, 3 and 5 are partially updated annually using Stats SA's supply and use tables, with effect from the January statistical release each year.</li> <li>• Table 4 is updated periodically using Stats SA's large sample survey for the manufacturing industry and SARS trade data.</li> <li>• Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5 are updated on a detailed level, using Stats SA's large sample surveys for the construction and manufacturing industries, approximately every three to four years.</li> </ul>

## Abbreviations

<b>CIPI</b>	Construction Input Price Indices
<b>CPAP</b>	Contract Price Adjustment Provisions
<b>CPI</b>	Consumer Price Index
<b>PPI</b>	Producer Price Index
<b>SAFCEC</b>	South African Forum of Civil Engineering Contractors
<b>SAICE</b>	South African Institution of Civil Engineering
<b>SARS</b>	South African Revenue Service
<b>SEIFSA</b>	Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of Southern Africa
<b>r</b>	Revised

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