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Construction output just over 6% up in 1998

Last year production by the construction industry was more than 6% up on that in 1997. Revenues from other activities in this industry, such as trade and operating, also rose strongly. Total revenues in the construction industry were nearly 7% higher in 1998 than in 1997. The difference between revenues and costs was over 6 billion guilders. According to figures from Statistics Netherlands, revenues continued to increase in the first half of 1999.

Higher labour costs

Total labour costs were 8% higher in 1998 than in 1997, partly because there were more companies with employees in 1998. Other costs, such as those for materials were just over 6% higher.

The difference between revenues and costs was just over 6 billion guilders in 1998, 10% more than in 1997. In the last five years, profits were only higher in 1995. In 1998 the growth in the construction sector was largely realised by better results for installation companies. While their revenues grew substantially, costs only rose to a limited extent.

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Growth continues in first half of 1999

The first results for 1999 show that the growth in this sector is continuing. The turnover in the construction industry was 11% higher in the first half of 1999 than in the same period last year. All sectors within the industry contributed to this growth, with the exception of finishing companies.

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