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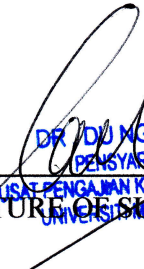
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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

10E:6PA	10 Epoxy: 6 Polyamide
10E:10PA	10 Epoxy: 10 Polyamide
3R:7W	3 Resin: 7 Water
4R:6W	4 Resin: 6 Water
5R:5W	5 Resin: 5 Water
API	American Petroleum Institute
ASTM	American Standard for testing and Materials
ATRP	Atomic transfer radical polymerization
BLD	Blue dextran
BSI	British standard institute
CA	Cellulose acetate
CaCO <sub>3</sub>	Calcium carbonate
C <sub>p</sub>	Specific heat capacity
DGEBA	Diglycidyl ether of bisphenol A
DSC	Different scanning calorimetric
DTGA	Derivative thermal gravimetric analysis
E	Epoxy
ECMR	Electrocatalytic membrane reactor
EO	Engine oil solution
ESM	Epoxy spherical membrane
ESMC	Epoxy spherical membrane column

ESMC-0	Epoxy spherical membrane column without calcium carbonate
ESMC-25	Epoxy spherical membrane column filled with 25phr calcium carbonate
ESMC-50	Epoxy spherical membrane column filled with 50phr calcium carbonate
FTIR	Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy
GCC	Ground calcium carbonate
GMA	Glycol methacrylate
HFP	Hexafluoropropylene
HIPE	High internal phase emulsion
IMS	Integrated membrane systems
LRP	Living radical polymerization
LT	Low temperature
MBR	Bioreactor membrane
MF	Microfiltration
NIPS	Non-solvent induced phase separation
O	oil
O/W	Oil-in-water
O/W/O	Oil-in-water-in oil
OSN	Organic solvent nanofiltration
PA	Polyamide
PACM	1, 4,40-methylenebiscyclohexanamine
PAN	Polyacrylonitrile
PCC	Precipitated calcium carbonate

PDMS	Polydimethylsiloxane
PE	Polyethylene
PEG	Poly (Ethylene Glycol)
PES	Polyethersulfone
PHEMA	Poly(2- hydroxyethyl methacrylate)
PIPS	Polymerization induced phase separation
PIs	Polyimides
PLA	<i>Poly(Lactic acid)</i>
PLGA	Poly(Lactic acid-co-Glycolic acid)
PLGA	Poly (lactide-co-glycolide)
PLLA	Poly(L-lactic acid)
PMMA	Poly(methyl methacrylate)
PP	Polypropylene
PS	Polystyrene
PSU	Polysulfone
PO	Palm oil solution
PVDF	Polyvinylidene fluoride
R	Resin
RBD	Refined, bleached and deodorized
RT	Room temperature
SAE	Society of Automotive Engineers
SEM	Scanning electron microscopy
T <sub>g</sub>	Glass transition temperature
TGA	Thermalgravimetric analysis

THF	Tetrahydrofuran
TIPS	Thermally induced phase separation
UF	Ultrafiltration
UV	Ultraviolet
W	Water
W/O	Water-in-oil
W/O/W	Water-in-oil-in-water

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

%	Percentage
°C	Celcius
Al	Aluminium
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Aluminium oxide
CaCO <sub>3</sub>	Calcium carbonate
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Calcium ion
cm <sup>3</sup>	Centimeter cubic
eq	Equivalent
eg	Example
g	Gram
g/ml	Gram/ Mililitre
hrs	Hours
J	Joule
kg	Kilogram
kN	Kilo Newton
kV	Kilo Volt
MgCl <sub>2</sub>	Magnesium chloride
MgSO <sub>4</sub>	Magnesium sulfate
mM	Mili Molar
mm	Mili Meter
mmol	Mili Moles

Pa	Pascal
s	Second
N	Newton
NaCl	Sodium Chloride
nm	Nanometer
pH	Potential Hydrogen
phr	Parts Per Hundred
ppm	Parts Per Million
rpm	Rotation Per Minute
TiO <sub>2</sub>	Titanium Oxide
wt.	Weight
vol.	Volume
Zn	Zinc
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	Zirconium Dioxide
μm	Micrometer

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## **Penghasilan, Pencirian dan Penggunaan Penapis Membran Sfera Epoksi disediakan dengan Kaedah Akueus Termaju**

### **ABSTRAK**

Zaman sekarang, masyarakat mula mempersoalkan keselamatan air. Bahan pencemar berbahaya dalam air dapat mengancam nyawa hidupan dan ia tidak boleh diabaikan. Walaupun banyak produk yang canggih telah dicipta digunakan dalam terapi air sisa, tetapi kos pengendalian membran yang tinggi dan kekurangan bekalan mengehadkan perkembangan aplikasi tersebut. Dengan itu, idea baru untuk membran sfera epoksi (ESM) yang mempunyai liang berskala mikro dihasil untuk industri rawatan air sisa. Dalam kajian tersebut, kaedah akueus lanjutan digunakan untuk menghasilkan ESM berdasarkan teknik emulsi air di dalam minyak dalam air (W/O/W). Kaedah ini mudah dan mesra alam kerana tiada pelarut digunakan dan tiada pelepasan produk yang meruap. ESM sesuai dihasilkan dalam kuantiti yang besar. Epoksi dan poliamida berada dalam bentuk cecair bawah suhu bilik membolehkan emulsifikasi berlaku. Poliamida yang reaktif berasal daripada minyak sayur dipilih di mana ia bertemu dengan semua syarat untuk membolehkan proses emulsifikasi tanpa kehadiran surfaktan dan pengemulsi. Kalsium karbonat diisi dalam ESM sebagai penggalak pengemulsi untuk menghasilkan zarah epoksi yang halus. Ia dapat meningkatkan sifat-sifat mekanikal, kestabilan terma, keupayaan koagulan minyak semasa penapisan dan dapat kurangkan kos pembuatan. Air suling bertindak sebagai fasa tersebar dalam titisan epoksi dan fasa berterusan dalam sistem emulsi. Air suling sebagai template dalam ESM dan mengewap mewujudkan liang yang kompleks dalam ESM ketika mengawetan. Membran sfera epoksi turus (ESMC) dibina daripada zarah-zarah epoksi dengan struktur liang yang kompleks membolehkan prinsip membran sfera diaplikasi untuk penapisan dan pemisahan. ESMC didapati berkesan dalam penapisan karbon hitam dan serbuk tembaga dengan kadar aliran efluen yang rendah. Pemisahan minyak kelapa sawit dengan air dan minyak enjin dengan air berjaya dipisahkan dengan daya graviti di mana air jernih mengalir keluar dahulu kemudian diikuti dengan minyak. Ruang turas kaca mempersembahkan kecekapan penapisan yang lebih baik daripada ruang turas PP. Diameter ruang turus yang lebih besar membenarkan kadar aliran yang pantas tetapi kekurangan keberkesanan penapisan.