



Supplementary Materials

## Potential Applications in Relation to the Various Physicochemical Characteristics of Al-Hasa Oasis Clays in Saudi Arabia

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40°0'0"E 50°0'0"E 49°36'0''E 49°40'0''E 49°44'0''E (a) 25°40'0"N 25°40'0"N 30°0'0"N (b) 25°36'0"N 25°36'0"N Hael 25°32'0"N 25°32'0"N adinah 25°28'0"N 25°28'0"N Taef Bahah 20°C 25°24'0"N 25°24'0"N 1 Ahsaa Al-Hufoi 25°20'0"N 25°20'0"N 140 16'0"N 16'0''N 40°0'0"E 50°0'0"E 100360 40'0" 400440

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Figure S1. Localization of Al-Hasa oasis in Saudi Arabia.



Figure S2. Localization of in the study clays soil-sites in Al-Hasa oasis.



**Figure S3.** Typical titration curves of 25 mL 0.004 mol L<sup>-1</sup> HCl + 25 m L 0.02 mol L<sup>-1</sup> KCl. Titration with 0.042 mol L-1 KOH in the absence ( $\Box$ , curve) and in the presence ( $\blacksquare$ , curve) of clay (a) C1.



**Figure S4.** Typical titration curves of 25 mL 0.004 mol L<sup>-1</sup> HCl + 25 m L 0.02 mol L<sup>-1</sup> KCl. Titration with 0.042 mol L-1 KOH in the absence ( $\Box$ , curve) and in the presence ( $\blacksquare$ , curve) of clay (b) C2.



**Figure S5.** Typical titration curves of 25 mL 0.004 mol L<sup>-1</sup> HCl + 25 m L 0.02 mol L<sup>-1</sup> KCl. Titration with 0.042 mol L-1 KOH in the absence ( $\Box$ , curve) and in the presence ( $\blacksquare$ , curve) of clay (c) C3.



**Figure S6.** Typical titration curves of 25 mL 0.004 mol L<sup>-1</sup> HCl + 25 m L 0.02 mol L<sup>-1</sup> KCl. Titration with 0.042 mol L-1 KOH in the absence ( $\Box$ , curve) and in the presence ( $\blacksquare$ , curve) of clay (d) C4.



**Figure S7.** Typical titration curves of 25 mL 0.004 mol L<sup>-1</sup> HCl + 25 m L 0.02 mol L<sup>-1</sup> KCl. Titration with 0.042 mol L-1 KOH in the absence ( $\Box$ , curve) and in the presence ( $\blacksquare$ , curve) of clay (e) C5.



**Figure S8.** Catalytic performances (conversion (%) and selectivity (%)) of acid-activated clays understudy in methanol dehydration (ethylene (C2=), propylene (C3=), formaldehyde (HCHO), dimethyether (DME) and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)).