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ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

FT-IR - Fourier transform - infrared spectroscopy

GC-MS - Gas chromatography- mass spectrometry analysis

NMR - Nuclear magnetic resonance

v/v% - Volume/Volume %

mM - Millimole

CR - Corrosion rate

mpy - Mils per year

 θ - Degree of surface coverage

E_a - Activation energy

 ΔH^{o} - Enthalpy of activation

 ΔS^{o} - Entropy of activation

 ΔG^{o}_{ads} - Free energy of adsorption

IE - Inhibition efficiency

OCP - Open circuit potential

EIS - Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy

Z', Z" - Real part and imaginary part of cell impedance

R_t - Charge transfer resistance

C_{dl} - Double layer capacitance

b_a and b_c - Anodic and cathodic Tafel slope

E_{corr} - Corrosion potential

I_{corr} - Corrosion current density

XRD - X-ray diffraction pattern

XPS - X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy

SEM - Scanning electron microscopy

EDS - Energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy

AFM - Atomic force microscopy

DFT - Density functional theory

 $\mu A/cm^2$ - Microamperes/cm²

 $\mu F/cm^2$ - Microfarad/cm²

m/z - Mass- to- charge ratio

Kohm cm² - Kiloohm cm²

R_s - Solution resistance

 $\Omega \ cm^2$ - Ohm cm²

R_o - Outer porous layer resistance

C_o - Outer porous layer capacitance

 R_{in} - Inner compact layer resistance

C_{in} - Inner compact layer capacitance

mV - Millivolt

E_{HOMO} - Energy of the highest occupied molecular orbital

E_{LUMO} - Energy of the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital

amu - Atomic mass unit

eV - Electron volt