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The hydrophobic modification of sulfite cellulose fiber (CF) and cellulose microfibril (CMF) was conducted by grafting 1–Octadecanol (18OH) on the surfaces via covalent coupling agent, Tolylene 2,4–diisocyanate (TDI), which induced the isocyanate functionality onto the fibers surface. The grafting of 18OH onto cellulose fibers was confirmed by FTIR spectra with a peak that present a decreasing of the O– H bond of the grafted fibers. The thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) indicates the amount of grafting yield which is 4.38% and 5.79% for CF-g-TDI/18OH and CMF-g-TDI/18OH, respectively. Moreover, the surface morphology and hydrophobicity of the grafted fibers and the PP–based composites were investigated by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and static contact angle measurement which resulting in the improvement of the interfacial interaction between cellulose fibers and PP matrix.

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#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

18OH	1–Octadecanol
CF	Cellulose Fiber
CMF	Cellulose Microfibril
DSC	Differential Scanning Calorimetry
EP	Epichlorohydrin
FTIR	Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy
РР	Polypropylene
SEM	Scanning Electron Microscopy
TDI	Tolylene 2,4-diisocyanate (TDI)
TGA	Thermogravimetric Analysis

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