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## APPENDICES

### Appendix A Experimental Data of Microemulsion Formation

#### 1. Interfacial Tension (IFT)

The interfacial tension of each phase of microemulsion is interpreted by the following formulation:

$$\text{IFT} = e(Vd)^3 n^2 \Delta\rho \quad (\text{A1})$$

where

$\sigma$  = interfacial tension or IFT (mN/m, dyne/cm)

$e$  = unity factor ( $3.427 \cdot 10^{-7}$  mN cm<sup>3</sup> min<sup>2</sup> /m g mm<sup>3</sup>)

$V$  = enlargement factor (0.31 mm/sdv)

$d$  = measured drop diameter (sdv)

$n$  = number of revolution (1/min)

$\Delta\rho$  = density difference of two liquids (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)

#### 2. Experimental Data of Interfacial Tension (IFT)

##### 2.1 Interfacial Tension

**Table A1** Interfacial tension of each phase in microemulsion formation at different Alfoterra concentration with 5 wt.% NaCl and an initial oil to water ratio = 1:1

| Alfoterra Conc. (wt.%) | NaCl Conc. (wt.%) | No. | Upper density (g/mL) | Lower density (g/mL) | Upper level | Lower level | Speed (rpm) | IFT (mN/m) |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 0.5                    | 5                 | 1   | 0.8728               | 1.0311               | 4.890       | 2.925       | 451         | 0.00249    |
|                        |                   | 2   |                      |                      | 4.870       | 2.960       | 486         | 0.00266    |
|                        |                   | 3   |                      |                      | 4.840       | 3.010       | 516         | 0.00264    |
|                        |                   | 4   |                      |                      | 4.870       | 3.055       | 478         | 0.00221    |
|                        |                   | 5   |                      |                      | 4.835       | 3.080       | 507         | 0.00225    |
|                        |                   | ave |                      |                      |             |             |             |            |
| 1.0                    | 5                 | 1   | 0.8741               | 1.0251               | 4.430       | 3.290       | 264         | 0.00016    |
|                        |                   | 2   |                      |                      | 4.430       | 3.160       | 262         | 0.00022    |
|                        |                   | 3   |                      |                      | 4.450       | 3.260       | 347         | 0.00031    |
|                        |                   | 4   |                      |                      | 4.390       | 3.270       | 409         | 0.00036    |
|                        |                   | 5   |                      |                      | 4.350       | 3.380       | 309         | 0.00013    |
|                        |                   | ave |                      |                      |             |             |             |            |
| 1.5                    | 5                 | 1   | 0.8740               | 1.0289               | 4.975       | 2.570       | 366         | 0.00295    |
|                        |                   | 2   |                      |                      | 4.955       | 2.640       | 432         | 0.00366    |
|                        |                   | 3   |                      |                      | 4.950       | 2.650       | 395         | 0.00300    |
|                        |                   | 4   |                      |                      | 4.930       | 2.700       | 468         | 0.00384    |
|                        |                   | 5   |                      |                      | 4.890       | 2.790       | 532         | 0.00415    |
|                        |                   | 6   |                      |                      | 4.920       | 2.730       | 450         | 0.00336    |
|                        |                   | ave |                      |                      |             |             |             |            |

**Table A2** Interfacial tension of each phase in microemulsion formation with 0.5 wt.% of Alfoterra at different NaCl concentrations and an initial oil to water ratio = 1:1

| Alfoterra Conc. (wt.%) | NaCl Conc. (wt.%) | No. | Upper density (g/mL) | Lower density (g/mL) | Upper level | Lower level | Speed (rpm) | IFT (mN/m) |         |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| 0.5                    | 2                 | 1   | 0.8740               | 1.0024               | 4.870       | 2.740       | 1302        | 0.02147    |         |
|                        |                   | 2   |                      |                      | 4.860       | 2.750       | 1391        | 0.02383    |         |
|                        |                   | 3   |                      |                      | 4.850       | 2.760       | 1422        | 0.02420    |         |
|                        |                   | 4   |                      |                      | 4.830       | 2.800       | 1613        | 0.02853    |         |
|                        |                   | 5   |                      |                      | 4.845       | 2.775       | 1527        | 0.02711    |         |
|                        |                   | 6   |                      |                      | 4.840       | 2.755       | 1385        | 0.02279    |         |
|                        |                   | ave |                      |                      |             |             |             |            | 0.02466 |
|                        | 3                 | 1   | 0.8808               | 1.0214               | 5.240       | 2.490       | 701         | 0.01467    |         |
|                        |                   | 2   |                      |                      | 5.240       | 2.500       | 727         | 0.01561    |         |
|                        |                   | 3   |                      |                      | 5.220       | 2.525       | 763         | 0.01636    |         |
|                        |                   | 4   |                      |                      | 5.220       | 2.520       | 738         | 0.01539    |         |
|                        |                   | 5   |                      |                      | 5.200       | 2.540       | 863         | 0.01661    |         |
|                        |                   | ave |                      |                      |             |             |             |            | 0.01573 |
|                        |                   | 4   |                      |                      | 1           | 0.8736      | 1.0318      | 5.090      | 2.615   |
|                        | 2                 |     | 5.095                | 2.730                | 413         |             |             | 0.00364    |         |
|                        | 3                 |     | 5.080                | 2.850                | 450         |             |             | 0.00363    |         |
|                        | 4                 |     | 5.055                | 2.905                | 475         |             |             | 0.00362    |         |
|                        | 5                 |     | 5.035                | 2.940                | 514         |             |             | 0.00392    |         |
|                        | 6                 |     | 4.970                | 2.940                | 541         |             |             | 0.00395    |         |
|                        | 7                 |     | 4.905                | 3.160                | 597         |             |             | 0.00306    |         |
|                        | ave               |     |                      |                      |             | 0.00362     |             |            |         |
|                        | 5                 | 1   | 0.8728               | 1.0311               | 4.890       | 2.925       | 451         | 0.00249    |         |
|                        |                   | 2   |                      |                      | 4.870       | 2.960       | 486         | 0.00266    |         |
|                        |                   | 3   |                      |                      | 4.840       | 3.010       | 516         | 0.00264    |         |

| Alfoterra<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | No. | Upper<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Lower<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Upper<br>level | Lower<br>level | Speed<br>(rpm) | IFT<br>(mN/m) |         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------|
| 0.5                          | 5                       | 4   | 0.8728                     | 1.0311                     | 4.870          | 3.055          | 478            | 0.00221       |         |
|                              |                         | 5   |                            |                            | 4.835          | 3.080          | 507            | 0.00225       |         |
|                              |                         | ave |                            |                            |                |                |                |               | 0.00245 |
|                              | 6                       | 1   | 1                          | 0.8705                     | 1.0338         | 5.140          | 2.505          | 1040          | 0.03299 |
|                              |                         |     | 2                          |                            |                | 5.105          | 2.520          | 1125          | 0.03645 |
|                              |                         |     | 3                          |                            |                | 5.080          | 2.550          | 1218          | 0.04005 |
|                              |                         |     | 4                          |                            |                | 5.100          | 2.545          | 1080          | 0.03243 |
|                              |                         |     | 5                          |                            |                | 5.055          | 2.585          | 1174          | 0.03463 |
|                              |                         |     | 6                          |                            |                | 5.025          | 2.620          | 1279          | 0.03794 |
|                              |                         |     | ave                        |                            |                |                |                |               |         |
|                              | 8                       | 1   | 1                          | 0.8756                     | 1.0584         | 5.075          | 2.530          | 1217          | 0.04556 |
|                              |                         |     | 2                          |                            |                | 5.065          | 2.560          | 1292          | 0.04897 |
|                              |                         |     | 3                          |                            |                | 5.045          | 2.585          | 1394          | 0.05399 |
|                              |                         |     | 4                          |                            |                | 5.070          | 2.580          | 1323          | 0.05043 |
|                              |                         |     | 5                          |                            |                | 5.045          | 2.615          | 1450          | 0.05630 |
|                              |                         |     | ave                        |                            |                |                |                |               |         |
|                              | 9                       | 1   | 1                          | 0.8756                     | 1.0710         | 5.04           | 2.525          | 1324          | 0.05563 |
|                              |                         |     | 2                          |                            |                | 5.02           | 2.525          | 1384          | 0.05935 |
|                              |                         |     | 3                          |                            |                | 5.04           | 2.51           | 1264          | 0.05162 |
| 4                            |                         |     | 5.035                      |                            |                | 2.535          | 1346           | 0.05647       |         |
| 5                            |                         |     | 5.02                       |                            |                | 2.535          | 1422           | 0.06190       |         |
| ave                          |                         |     |                            |                            |                |                |                |               | 0.05699 |

**Table A3** Interfacial tension of each phase in microemulsion formation with 1 wt.% of Alfoterra at different NaCl concentrations and an initial oil to water ratio = 1:1

| Alfoterra Conc. (wt.%) | NaCl Conc. (wt.%) | No.   | Upper density (g/mL) | Lower density (g/mL) | Upper level | Lower level | Speed (rpm) | IFT (mN/m) |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 1                      | 2                 | 1     | 0.8733               | 1.0080               | 5.420       | 2.235       | 975         | 0.04224    |
|                        |                   | 2     |                      |                      | 5.400       | 2.290       | 1050        | 0.04561    |
|                        |                   | 3     |                      |                      | 5.430       | 2.215       | 942         | 0.04055    |
|                        |                   | 4     |                      |                      | 5.395       | 2.265       | 1025        | 0.04430    |
|                        |                   | 5     |                      |                      | 5.350       | 2.320       | 1139        | 0.04963    |
|                        |                   | ave   |                      |                      |             |             |             |            |
|                        | 3                 | 1     | 0.8751               | 1.0136               | 5.035       | 2.560       | 843         | 0.01523    |
|                        |                   | 2     |                      |                      | 5.020       | 2.615       | 914         | 0.01643    |
|                        |                   | 3     |                      |                      | 5.070       | 2.485       | 814         | 0.01618    |
|                        |                   | 4     |                      |                      | 5.040       | 2.530       | 878         | 0.01724    |
|                        |                   | 5     |                      |                      | 5.035       | 2.580       | 941         | 0.01853    |
|                        |                   | ave   |                      |                      |             |             |             |            |
|                        | 5                 | 1     | 0.8741               | 1.0251               | 4.430       | 3.290       | 264         | 0.00016    |
|                        |                   | 2     |                      |                      | 4.430       | 3.160       | 262         | 0.00022    |
|                        |                   | 3     |                      |                      | 4.450       | 3.260       | 347         | 0.00031    |
|                        |                   | 4     |                      |                      | 4.390       | 3.270       | 409         | 0.00036    |
|                        |                   | 5     |                      |                      | 4.350       | 3.380       | 309         | 0.00013    |
|                        |                   | ave   |                      |                      |             |             |             |            |
|                        | 6                 | 1     | 0.8754               | 1.0257               | 5.250       | 2.430       | 945         | 0.03073    |
|                        |                   | 2     |                      |                      | 5.225       | 2.450       | 994         | 0.03240    |
| 3                      |                   | 5.220 |                      |                      | 2.480       | 1045        | 0.03447     |            |
| 4                      |                   | 5.250 |                      |                      | 2.425       | 913         | 0.02884     |            |
| 5                      |                   | 5.150 |                      |                      | 2.560       | 1176        | 0.03687     |            |
| ave                    |                   |       |                      |                      |             |             |             | 0.03266    |



| Alfoterra<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | No. | Upper<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Lower<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Upper<br>level | Lower<br>level | Speed<br>(rpm) | IFT<br>(mN/m) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1                            | 10                      | 1   | 0.8776                     | 1.0512                     | 5.320          | 2.260          | 1248           | 0.07909       |
|                              |                         | 2   |                            |                            | 5.325          | 2.200          | 1325           | 0.09496       |
|                              |                         | 3   |                            |                            | 5.330          | 2.220          | 1276           | 0.08680       |
|                              |                         | 4   |                            |                            | 5.305          | 2.340          | 1436           | 0.09526       |
|                              |                         | 5   |                            |                            | 5.215          | 2.285          | 1588           | 0.11242       |
|                              |                         | ave |                            |                            |                |                |                |               |

**Table A4** Interfacial tension of each phase in microemulsion formation with 1.5 wt.% of Alfoterra at different NaCl concentrations and an initial oil to water ratio = 1:1

| Alfoterra Conc. (wt.%) | NaCl Conc. (wt.%) | No. | Upper density (g/mL) | Lower density (g/mL) | Upper level | Lower level | Speed (rpm) | IFT (mN/m) |         |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| 1.5                    | 2                 | 1   | 0.8771               | 0.9978               | 5.600       | 2.065       | 1021        | 0.05674    |         |
|                        |                   | 2   |                      |                      | 5.530       | 2.145       | 1160        | 0.06431    |         |
|                        |                   | 3   |                      |                      | 5.635       | 2.005       | 932         | 0.05120    |         |
|                        |                   | 4   |                      |                      | 5.485       | 2.205       | 1258        | 0.06882    |         |
|                        |                   | 5   |                      |                      | 5.660       | 1.960       | 859         | 0.04606    |         |
|                        |                   | ave |                      |                      |             |             |             |            | 0.05743 |
|                        | 4                 | 4   | 1                    | 0.8759               | 1.0180      | 4.780       | 2.750       | 385        | 0.00180 |
|                        |                   |     | 2                    |                      |             | 4.770       | 2.750       | 402        | 0.00193 |
|                        |                   |     | 3                    |                      |             | 4.770       | 2.770       | 483        | 0.00271 |
|                        |                   |     | 4                    |                      |             | 4.770       | 2.785       | 560        | 0.00356 |
|                        |                   |     | 5                    |                      |             | 4.760       | 2.810       | 670        | 0.00483 |
|                        |                   |     | 6                    |                      |             | 4.745       | 2.840       | 762        | 0.00582 |
|                        |                   |     | 7                    |                      |             | 4.680       | 2.910       | 1024       | 0.00844 |
|                        |                   |     | ave                  |                      |             |             |             |            |         |
|                        | 5                 | 5   | 1                    | 0.8740               | 1.0289      | 4.975       | 2.570       | 366        | 0.00295 |
|                        |                   |     | 2                    |                      |             | 4.955       | 2.640       | 432        | 0.00366 |
|                        |                   |     | 3                    |                      |             | 4.950       | 2.650       | 395        | 0.00300 |
|                        |                   |     | 4                    |                      |             | 4.930       | 2.700       | 468        | 0.00384 |
|                        |                   |     | 5                    |                      |             | 4.890       | 2.790       | 532        | 0.00415 |
|                        |                   |     | 6                    |                      |             | 4.920       | 2.730       | 450        | 0.00336 |
|                        |                   |     | ave                  |                      |             |             |             |            |         |

| Alfoterra<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | No. | Upper<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Lower<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Upper<br>level | Lower<br>level | Speed<br>(rpm) | IFT<br>(mN/m) |         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------|
| 1.5                          | 6                       | 1   | 0.8758                     | 1.0396                     | 5.265          | 2.355          | 637            | 0.01672       |         |
|                              |                         | 2   |                            |                            | 5.200          | 2.480          | 769            | 0.01990       |         |
|                              |                         | 3   |                            |                            | 5.300          | 2.310          | 532            | 0.01265       |         |
|                              |                         | 4   |                            |                            | 5.235          | 2.420          | 654            | 0.01596       |         |
|                              |                         | 5   |                            |                            | 5.280          | 2.365          | 573            | 0.01360       |         |
|                              |                         | ave |                            |                            |                |                |                |               | 0.01577 |
|                              | 7                       | 1   | 0.8755                     | 1.0414                     | 4.965          | 2.615          | 1351           | 0.04012       |         |
|                              |                         | 2   |                            |                            | 5.005          | 2.570          | 1161           | 0.03296       |         |
|                              |                         | 3   |                            |                            | 4.990          | 2.590          | 1230           | 0.03542       |         |
|                              |                         | 4   |                            |                            | 4.970          | 2.620          | 1336           | 0.03923       |         |
|                              |                         | 5   |                            |                            | 4.940          | 2.650          | 1443           | 0.04235       |         |
|                              |                         | ave |                            |                            |                |                |                |               | 0.03802 |
|                              | 10                      |     | 1                          | 0.8804                     | 1.0847         | 5.030          | 2.605          | 2207          | 0.14488 |
|                              |                         |     | 2                          |                            |                | 5.150          | 2.400          | 1100          | 0.05249 |
|                              |                         |     | 3                          |                            |                | 5.135          | 2.440          | 1364          | 0.07596 |
|                              |                         |     | 4                          |                            |                | 5.120          | 2.445          | 1484          | 0.08792 |
|                              |                         |     | 5                          |                            |                | 5.090          | 2.495          | 1725          | 0.10846 |
|                              |                         |     | 6                          |                            |                | 5.070          | 2.515          | 1878          | 0.12270 |
| 7                            |                         |     | 5.140                      |                            |                | 2.420          | 1299           | 0.07083       |         |
| 8                            |                         |     | 5.040                      |                            |                | 2.560          | 2100           | 0.14030       |         |
| ave                          |                         |     |                            |                            |                |                |                |               | 0.10044 |

## 2.2 Dynamic Interfacial Tension

**Table A5** Dynamic interfacial tension of each phase in microemulsion formation with 0.5 wt.% of Alforterra at different NaCl concentrations and an initial oil to water ratio = 1:1

| Alforterra Conc. (wt.%) | NaCl Conc. (wt.%) | Time (min) | Upper density (g/mL) | Lower density (g/mL) | Upper level | Lower level | Speed (rpm) | IFT (mN/m) |         |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| 0.5                     | 2                 | 0          | 0.8762               | 1.0196               | 5.130       | 2.420       | 1423        | 0.05900    |         |
|                         |                   | 5          |                      |                      | 5.140       | 2.410       | 1423        | 0.06032    |         |
|                         |                   | 10         |                      |                      | 5.140       | 2.420       | 1424        | 0.06007    |         |
|                         |                   | 15         |                      |                      | 5.150       | 2.420       | 1427        | 0.06066    |         |
|                         |                   | 20         |                      |                      | 5.150       | 2.420       | 1425        | 0.06016    |         |
|                         |                   | 25         |                      |                      | 5.140       | 2.420       | 1428        | 0.06041    |         |
|                         |                   | 30         |                      |                      | 5.160       | 2.440       | 1429        | 0.05983    |         |
|                         |                   | 35         |                      |                      | 5.140       | 2.430       | 1428        | 0.05942    |         |
|                         |                   | 40         |                      |                      | 5.120       | 2.410       | 1429        | 0.05950    |         |
|                         |                   | 45         |                      |                      | 5.140       | 2.390       | 1431        | 0.06201    |         |
|                         | 50                |            |                      | 5.130                | 2.400       | 1430        | 0.06091     |            |         |
|                         | 3                 | 0          | 0.8762               | 1.0159               | 5.570       | 2.220       | 1059        | 0.06014    |         |
|                         |                   | 5          |                      |                      | 5.570       | 2.310       | 1058        | 0.05532    |         |
|                         |                   | 10         |                      |                      | 5.400       | 2.200       | 1059        | 0.05242    |         |
|                         |                   | 15         |                      |                      | 5.390       | 2.180       | 1060        | 0.05301    |         |
|                         |                   | 20         |                      |                      | 5.410       | 2.170       | 1060        | 0.05451    |         |
|                         |                   | 25         |                      |                      | 5.440       | 2.150       | 1061        | 0.05718    |         |
|                         |                   | 30         |                      |                      | 5.450       | 2.140       | 1059        | 0.05801    |         |
|                         |                   | 4          | 0                    | 0.8762               | 1.0286      |             |             |            |         |
|                         |                   |            | 5                    |                      |             |             |             |            |         |
|                         |                   |            | 10                   |                      |             | 4.770       | 2.780       | 2972       | 0.10830 |
|                         | 15                |            |                      |                      | 4.580       | 2.980       | 2972        | 0.05629    |         |

| Alfoterra<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Upper<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Lower<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Upper<br>level | Lower<br>level | Speed<br>(rpm) | IFT<br>(mN/m) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 0.5                          | 4                       | 20            | 0.8762                     | 1.0286                     | 4.160          | 3.360          | 2972           | 0.00704       |
|                              |                         | 25            |                            |                            | 4.130          | 3.340          | 2972           | 0.00678       |
|                              |                         | 30            |                            |                            | 4.150          | 3.320          | 2972           | 0.00786       |
|                              |                         | 35            |                            |                            | 4.130          | 3.320          | 2972           | 0.00730       |
|                              | 5                       | 0             | 0.8762                     | 1.0340                     | 4.900          | 2.350          | 394            | 0.00415       |
|                              |                         | 5             |                            |                            | 4.890          | 2.360          | 395            | 0.00407       |
|                              |                         | 10            |                            |                            | 4.880          | 2.355          | 395            | 0.00405       |
|                              |                         | 15            |                            |                            | 4.875          | 2.355          | 395            | 0.00402       |
|                              |                         | 20            |                            |                            | 4.880          | 2.355          | 395            | 0.00405       |
|                              |                         | 25            |                            |                            | 4.870          | 2.350          | 395            | 0.00402       |
|                              |                         | 30            |                            |                            | 4.870          | 2.350          | 395            | 0.00402       |
|                              |                         | 35            |                            |                            | 4.875          | 2.355          | 395            | 0.00402       |
|                              | 6                       | 0             | 0.8762                     | 1.0371                     | 5.280          | 2.010          | 1584           | 0.14413       |
|                              |                         | 5             |                            |                            | 5.140          | 2.200          | 1585           | 0.10488       |
|                              |                         | 10            |                            |                            | 4.770          | 2.630          | 1588           | 0.04060       |
|                              |                         | 15            |                            |                            | 4.690          | 2.750          | 1586           | 0.03017       |
|                              |                         | 20            |                            |                            | 4.610          | 2.820          | 1586           | 0.02370       |
|                              |                         | 25            |                            |                            | 4.590          | 2.850          | 1587           | 0.02180       |
|                              |                         | 30            |                            |                            | 4.580          | 2.870          | 1588           | 0.02072       |
|                              |                         | 35            |                            |                            | 4.590          | 2.860          | 1588           | 0.02145       |
|                              |                         | 40            |                            |                            | 4.580          | 2.860          | 1586           | 0.02103       |
|                              |                         | 45            |                            |                            | 4.580          | 2.850          | 1586           | 0.02140       |
|                              | 50                      | 4.530         | 2.870                      | 1585                       | 0.01888        |                |                |               |
|                              | 8                       | 0             | 0.8762                     | 1.0576                     | 4.940          | 2.670          | 1872           | 0.07642       |
|                              |                         | 5             |                            |                            | 4.920          | 2.730          | 1873           | 0.06824       |
|                              |                         | 10            |                            |                            | 4.880          | 2.730          | 1872           | 0.06450       |
|                              |                         | 15            |                            |                            | 4.860          | 2.740          | 1872           | 0.06184       |
|                              |                         | 20            |                            |                            | 4.860          | 2.770          | 1875           | 0.05944       |

| Alfoterra<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Upper<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Lower<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Upper<br>level | Lower<br>level | Speed<br>(rpm) | IFT<br>(mN/m) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 0.5                          | 9                       | 0             | 0.8762                     | 1.0548                     | 5.930          | 1.330          | 1280           | 0.29072       |
|                              |                         | 5             |                            |                            | 5.430          | 2.120          | 1279           | 0.10815       |
|                              |                         | 10            |                            |                            | 5.390          | 2.150          | 1279           | 0.10143       |
|                              |                         | 15            |                            |                            | 5.320          | 2.130          | 1280           | 0.09696       |
|                              |                         | 20            |                            |                            | 5.290          | 2.150          | 1280           | 0.09247       |
|                              |                         | 25            |                            |                            | 5.260          | 2.180          | 1280           | 0.08727       |
|                              |                         | 30            |                            |                            | 5.240          | 2.230          | 1279           | 0.08133       |
|                              |                         | 35            |                            |                            | 5.120          | 2.310          | 1280           | 0.06627       |
|                              |                         | 40            |                            |                            | 4.930          | 2.370          | 1280           | 0.05011       |
|                              |                         | 45            |                            |                            | 4.880          | 2.410          | 1281           | 0.04508       |
|                              |                         | 50            |                            |                            | 4.960          | 2.190          | 1281           | 0.06358       |
|                              | 10                      | 0             | 0.8762                     | 1.0653                     | 5.660          | 1.560          | 695            | 0.06441       |
|                              |                         | 5             |                            |                            | 5.530          | 1.620          | 809            | 0.07552       |
|                              |                         | 10            |                            |                            | 5.540          | 1.640          | 809            | 0.07494       |
|                              |                         | 15            |                            |                            | 5.560          | 1.650          | 809            | 0.07552       |
|                              |                         | 20            |                            |                            | 5.550          | 1.660          | 810            | 0.07455       |
|                              |                         | 25            |                            |                            | 5.560          | 1.650          | 809            | 0.07552       |
|                              |                         | 30            |                            |                            | 5.560          | 1.640          | 810            | 0.07629       |
|                              |                         | 35            |                            |                            | 5.550          | 1.650          | 810            | 0.07513       |
| 40                           |                         |               | 5.510                      | 1.590                      | 809            | 0.07610        |                |               |
| 45                           |                         |               | 5.530                      | 1.600                      | 810            | 0.07688        |                |               |
| 50                           |                         |               | 5.550                      | 1.640                      | 810            | 0.07571        |                |               |

**Table A6** Dynamic interfacial tension of each phase in microemulsion formation with 1 wt.% of Alfoterra at different NaCl concentrations and an initial oil to water ratio = 1:1

| Alfoterra Conc. (wt.%) | NaCl Conc. (wt.%) | Time (min) | Upper density (g/mL) | Lower density (g/mL) | Upper level | Lower level | Speed (rpm) | IFT (mN/m) |         |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| 1                      | 2                 | 0          | 0.8762               | 1.0178               | 6.140       | 1.130       | 724         | 0.09532    |         |
|                        |                   | 5          |                      |                      | 6.150       | 1.160       | 724         | 0.09418    |         |
|                        |                   | 10         |                      |                      | 6.170       | 1.170       | 724         | 0.09475    |         |
|                        |                   | 15         |                      |                      | 6.150       | 1.170       | 724         | 0.09362    |         |
|                        |                   | 20         |                      |                      | 6.150       | 1.150       | 724         | 0.09475    |         |
|                        |                   | 25         |                      |                      | 6.120       | 1.140       | 724         | 0.09362    |         |
|                        |                   | 30         |                      |                      | 6.140       | 1.120       | 725         | 0.09616    |         |
|                        |                   | 35         |                      |                      | 6.140       | 1.130       | 725         | 0.09558    |         |
|                        |                   | 40         |                      |                      | 6.140       | 1.130       | 726         | 0.09585    |         |
|                        |                   | 45         |                      |                      | 6.150       | 1.140       | 726         | 0.09585    |         |
|                        | 50                |            |                      | 6.150                | 1.170       | 726         | 0.09413     |            |         |
|                        | 3                 | 3          | 0                    | 0.8762               | 1.0016      | 5.200       | 2.150       | 1011       | 0.03714 |
|                        |                   |            | 5                    |                      |             | 5.110       | 2.250       | 1012       | 0.03068 |
|                        |                   |            | 10                   |                      |             | 5.100       | 2.210       | 1010       | 0.03153 |
|                        |                   |            | 15                   |                      |             | 5.050       | 2.150       | 1011       | 0.03193 |
|                        |                   |            | 20                   |                      |             | 5.140       | 2.200       | 1011       | 0.03326 |
|                        |                   |            | 25                   |                      |             | 5.040       | 2.110       | 1012       | 0.03299 |
|                        |                   |            | 30                   |                      |             | 5.060       | 2.110       | 1012       | 0.03367 |
|                        |                   |            | 35                   |                      |             | 5.140       | 2.160       | 1012       | 0.03471 |
|                        |                   |            | 40                   |                      |             | 5.110       | 2.130       | 1010       | 0.03457 |
|                        |                   |            | 45                   |                      |             | 5.310       | 2.320       | 1011       | 0.03499 |
|                        | 50                |            |                      | 5.290                | 2.310       | 1011        | 0.03464     |            |         |
|                        | 5                 | 5          | 0                    | 0.8762               | 1.0276      | 6.000       | 1.450       | 1197       | 0.20862 |
|                        |                   |            | 5                    |                      |             | 5.800       | 1.850       | 1196       | 0.13626 |

| Alfoterra<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Upper<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Lower<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Upper<br>level | Lower<br>level | Speed<br>(rpm) | IFT<br>(mN/m) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1                            | 5                       | 10            | 0.8762                     | 1.0276                     | 5.560          | 2.390          | 1197           | 0.07055       |
|                              |                         | 15            |                            |                            | 5.150          | 2.520          | 1196           | 0.04022       |
|                              |                         | 20            |                            |                            | 4.660          | 3.040          | 1196           | 0.00940       |
|                              |                         | 25            |                            |                            | 4.680          | 3.020          | 1196           | 0.01011       |
|                              |                         | 30            |                            |                            | 4.630          | 2.930          | 1209           | 0.01110       |
|                              |                         | 35            |                            |                            | 4.680          | 2.920          | 1209           | 0.01232       |
|                              |                         | 40            |                            |                            | 4.700          | 2.980          | 1211           | 0.01153       |
|                              |                         | 45            |                            |                            | 4.720          | 2.970          | 1212           | 0.01217       |
|                              |                         | 50            |                            |                            | 4.710          | 2.980          | 1211           | 0.01174       |
|                              | 6                       | 0             | 0.8762                     | 1.0364                     | 6.080          | 1.340          | 946            | 0.15584       |
|                              |                         | 5             |                            |                            | 6.120          | 1.590          | 946            | 0.13603       |
|                              |                         | 10            |                            |                            | 5.930          | 1.830          | 947            | 0.10107       |
|                              |                         | 15            |                            |                            | 5.620          | 2.020          | 947            | 0.06842       |
|                              |                         | 20            |                            |                            | 5.360          | 2.490          | 948            | 0.03474       |
|                              |                         | 25            |                            |                            | 5.100          | 2.480          | 948            | 0.02643       |
|                              |                         | 30            |                            |                            | 5.080          | 2.630          | 947            | 0.02157       |
|                              |                         | 35            |                            |                            | 4.950          | 2.620          | 948            | 0.01859       |
|                              |                         | 40            |                            |                            | 4.870          | 2.820          | 947            | 0.01263       |
|                              |                         | 45            |                            |                            | 4.860          | 2.720          | 948            | 0.01440       |
|                              |                         | 50            |                            |                            | 4.770          | 2.810          | 949            | 0.01109       |
|                              |                         |               |                            |                            | 10             | 0              | 0.8762         | 1.0585        |
| 5                            | 5.780                   |               | 1.900                      | 1014                       |                | 0.11177        |                |               |
| 10                           | 5.770                   |               | 1.920                      | 1013                       |                | 0.10898        |                |               |
| 15                           | 5.780                   |               | 1.940                      | 1013                       |                | 0.10813        |                |               |
| 20                           | 5.750                   |               | 1.970                      | 1014                       |                | 0.10335        |                |               |
| 25                           | 5.750                   |               | 1.980                      | 1015                       |                | 0.10273        |                |               |
| 30                           | 5.760                   |               | 2.020                      | 1015                       |                | 0.10030        |                |               |
| 35                           | 5.740                   |               | 2.020                      | 1016                       |                | 0.09889        |                |               |



| Alfoterra<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Upper<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Lower<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Upper<br>level | Lower<br>level | Speed<br>(rpm) | IFT<br>(mN/m) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1                            | 10                      | 40            | 0.8762                     | 1.0585                     | 5.710          | 2.030          | 1017           | 0.09592       |
|                              |                         | 45            |                            |                            | 5.710          | 2.090          | 1017           | 0.09131       |
|                              |                         | 50            |                            |                            | 5.700          | 2.110          | 1018           | 0.08923       |

**Table A7** Dynamic interfacial tension of each phase in microemulsion formation with 1.5 wt.% of Alfoterra at different NaCl concentrations and an initial oil to water ratio = 1:1

| Alfoterra Conc. (wt.%) | NaCl Conc. (wt.%) | Time (min) | Upper density (g/mL) | Lower density (g/mL) | Upper level | Lower level | Speed (rpm) | IFT (mN/m) |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 1.5                    | 2                 | 0          | 0.8762               | 1.0100               | 5.700       | 1.810       | 560         | 0.02522    |
|                        |                   | 5          |                      |                      | 5.700       | 1.790       | 561         | 0.02570    |
|                        |                   | 10         |                      |                      | 5.685       | 1.800       | 561         | 0.02521    |
|                        |                   | 15         |                      |                      | 5.690       | 1.805       | 562         | 0.02530    |
|                        |                   | 20         |                      |                      | 5.695       | 1.810       | 560         | 0.02512    |
|                        |                   | 25         |                      |                      | 5.690       | 1.805       | 561         | 0.02521    |
|                        |                   | 30         |                      |                      | 5.690       | 1.800       | 563         | 0.02549    |
|                        |                   | 35         |                      |                      | 5.685       | 1.810       | 562         | 0.02510    |
|                        |                   | 40         |                      |                      | 5.680       | 1.800       | 561         | 0.02511    |
|                        |                   | 45         |                      |                      | 5.690       | 1.795       | 561         | 0.02540    |
|                        | 4                 | 0          | 0.8762               | 1.0287               | 5.720       | 2.030       | 423         | 0.01400    |
|                        |                   | 5          |                      |                      | 5.730       | 2.120       | 424         | 0.01317    |
|                        |                   | 10         |                      |                      | 5.710       | 2.220       | 418         | 0.01156    |
|                        |                   | 15         |                      |                      | 5.660       | 2.230       | 418         | 0.01098    |
|                        |                   | 20         |                      |                      | 5.590       | 2.030       | 418         | 0.01227    |
|                        |                   | 25         |                      |                      | 5.610       | 2.010       | 418         | 0.01269    |
|                        |                   | 30         |                      |                      | 5.690       | 2.090       | 418         | 0.01269    |
|                        |                   | 35         |                      |                      | 5.540       | 2.010       | 420         | 0.01208    |
|                        |                   | 40         |                      |                      | 5.610       | 2.010       | 418         | 0.01269    |
|                        |                   | 45         |                      |                      | 5.510       | 1.980       | 418         | 0.01197    |
|                        | 50                |            |                      | 5.510                | 1.970       | 417         | 0.01201     |            |
|                        | 5                 | 0          | 0.8762               | 1.0332               | 5.840       | 1.710       | 1600        | 0.28906    |
|                        |                   | 5          |                      |                      | 5.650       | 1.960       | 1600        | 0.20617    |
|                        |                   | 10         |                      |                      | 5.360       | 2.370       | 1602        | 0.10996    |

| Alfoterra<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Upper<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Lower<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Upper<br>level | Lower<br>level | Speed<br>(rpm) | IFT<br>(mN/m) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.5                          | 5                       | 15            | 0.8762                     | 1.0332                     | 4.930          | 2.800          | 1604           | 0.03985       |
|                              |                         | 20            |                            |                            | 4.740          | 3.060          | 1605           | 0.01958       |
|                              |                         | 25            |                            |                            | 4.520          | 3.190          | 1608           | 0.00975       |
|                              |                         | 30            |                            |                            | 4.440          | 3.190          | 1607           | 0.00808       |
|                              |                         | 35            |                            |                            | 4.450          | 3.190          | 1607           | 0.00818       |
|                              |                         | 40            |                            |                            | 4.460          | 3.190          | 1607           | 0.00848       |
|                              |                         | 45            |                            |                            | 4.450          | 3.180          | 1607           | 0.00848       |
|                              |                         | 50            |                            |                            | 4.460          | 3.200          | 1607           | 0.00828       |
|                              | 6                       | 0             | 0.8762                     | 1.0376                     | 5.530          | 1.780          | 488            | 0.02069       |
|                              |                         | 5             |                            |                            | 5.500          | 1.755          | 490            | 0.02078       |
|                              |                         | 10            |                            |                            | 5.535          | 1.805          | 488            | 0.02036       |
|                              |                         | 15            |                            |                            | 5.510          | 1.800          | 489            | 0.02012       |
|                              |                         | 20            |                            |                            | 5.515          | 1.820          | 490            | 0.02004       |
|                              |                         | 25            |                            |                            | 5.510          | 1.820          | 489            | 0.01980       |
|                              |                         | 30            |                            |                            | 5.500          | 1.820          | 489            | 0.01972       |
|                              |                         | 35            |                            |                            | 5.520          | 1.830          | 488            | 0.01980       |
|                              |                         | 40            |                            |                            | 5.510          | 1.840          | 489            | 0.01948       |
|                              |                         | 45            |                            |                            | 5.510          | 1.870          | 489            | 0.01908       |
|                              |                         | 50            |                            |                            | 5.490          | 1.900          | 489            | 0.01823       |
|                              |                         | 55            |                            |                            | 5.500          | 1.935          | 489            | 0.01785       |
|                              |                         | 60            |                            |                            | 5.480          | 2.040          | 489            | 0.01604       |
|                              |                         | 65            |                            |                            | 5.450          | 2.135          | 490            | 0.01441       |
|                              |                         | 70            |                            |                            | 5.440          | 2.215          | 489            | 0.01322       |
|                              |                         | 75            |                            |                            | 5.430          | 2.280          | 488            | 0.01227       |
|                              |                         | 80            |                            |                            | 5.440          | 2.325          | 489            | 0.01191       |
|                              |                         | 85            |                            |                            | 5.435          | 2.350          | 489            | 0.01157       |
|                              |                         | 90            |                            |                            | 5.435          | 2.450          | 489            | 0.01048       |
|                              | 7                       | 0             | 0.8762                     | 1.0477                     | 5.730          | 1.760          | 1204           | 0.15881       |

| Alfoterra<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl<br>Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Upper<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Lower<br>density<br>(g/mL) | Upper<br>level | Lower<br>level | Speed<br>(rpm) | IFT<br>(mN/m) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.5                          | 7                       | 5             | 0.8762                     | 1.0477                     | 5.720          | 1.780          | 1206           | 0.15576       |
|                              |                         | 10            |                            |                            | 5.690          | 1.800          | 1208           | 0.15040       |
|                              |                         | 15            |                            |                            | 5.680          | 1.800          | 1207           | 0.14900       |
|                              |                         | 20            |                            |                            | 5.660          | 1.820          | 1207           | 0.14444       |
|                              |                         | 25            |                            |                            | 5.610          | 1.860          | 1207           | 0.13452       |
|                              |                         | 30            |                            |                            | 5.580          | 1.910          | 1207           | 0.12609       |
|                              |                         | 35            |                            |                            | 5.550          | 1.910          | 1208           | 0.12323       |
|                              |                         | 40            |                            |                            | 5.520          | 2.000          | 1209           | 0.11162       |
|                              |                         | 45            |                            |                            | 5.450          | 2.100          | 1208           | 0.09606       |
|                              |                         | 50            |                            |                            | 5.390          | 2.160          | 1209           | 0.08624       |
|                              |                         | 55            |                            |                            | 5.290          | 2.310          | 1208           | 0.06762       |
|                              |                         | 60            |                            |                            | 5.260          | 2.370          | 1210           | 0.06188       |
|                              |                         | 65            |                            |                            | 5.270          | 2.420          | 1209           | 0.05924       |
|                              |                         | 70            |                            |                            | 5.200          | 2.460          | 1210           | 0.05273       |
|                              |                         | 75            |                            |                            | 5.160          | 2.450          | 1210           | 0.05102       |
|                              |                         | 80            |                            |                            | 5.210          | 2.480          | 1210           | 0.05216       |
|                              |                         | 8             |                            |                            | 0              | 0.8762         | 1.0582         | 5.875         |
| 5                            |                         |               | 5.860                      | 1.560                      | 786            | 0.09127        |                |               |
| 10                           | 10                      | 0             | 0.8762                     | 1.0692                     | 6.190          | 1.740          | 836            | 0.12135       |
|                              |                         | 5             |                            |                            | 6.160          | 1.800          | 837            | 0.11441       |
|                              |                         | 10            |                            |                            | 6.160          | 1.840          | 837            | 0.11129       |
|                              |                         | 15            |                            |                            | 6.150          | 1.860          | 838            | 0.10925       |
|                              |                         | 20            |                            |                            | 6.110          | 1.930          | 837            | 0.10082       |
|                              |                         | 25            |                            |                            | 5.720          | 1.730          | 837            | 0.08769       |
|                              |                         | 30            |                            |                            | 5.750          | 1.730          | 838            | 0.08989       |
|                              |                         | 35            |                            |                            | 5.740          | 1.730          | 839            | 0.08944       |
|                              |                         | 40            |                            |                            | 5.760          | 1.730          | 839            | 0.09078       |
|                              |                         | 45            |                            |                            | 5.730          | 1.730          | 838            | 0.08856       |

### 3. Experimental Data of Electrolytic Conductivity

**Table A8** Electrolytic conductivity of each phase in microemulsion formation with 0.5 wt.% of Alfoterra at different NaCl concentrations and an initial oil to water ratio = 1:1

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu$ S) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}$ C) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 0.5                       | 2                    | 30            | 3000.000                                | 24.1                           |
|                           |                      | 32            | 2750.000                                | 24.1                           |
|                           |                      | 34            | 2660.000                                | 24.1                           |
|                           |                      | 36            | 2760.000                                | 24.1                           |
|                           |                      | 38            | 2760.000                                | 24.2                           |
|                           |                      | 40            | 2850.000                                | 24.3                           |
|                           |                      | 42            | 2710.000                                | 24.3                           |
|                           |                      | 44            | 2670.000                                | 24.4                           |
|                           |                      | 46            | 2610.000                                | 24.5                           |
|                           |                      | 48            | 2150.000                                | 24.6                           |
|                           |                      | 50            | 475.000                                 | 24.7                           |
|                           |                      | 52            | 499.000                                 | 24.8                           |
|                           |                      | 54            | 506.000                                 | 24.8                           |
|                           |                      | 56            | 294.000                                 | 24.9                           |
|                           |                      | 58            | 326.000                                 | 24.9                           |
|                           |                      | 60            | 335.000                                 | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 62            | 330.000                                 | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 64            | 351.000                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 66            | 295.000                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 68            | 321.000                                 | 25.1                           |
| 70                        | 336.000              | 25.1          |   |                                |
| 72                        | 299.000              | 25.2          |   |                                |
| 74                        | 323.000              | 25.2          |   |                                |
| 76                        | 332.000              | 25.2          |   |                                |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu$ S) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}$ C) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 0.5                       | 2                    | 78            | 286.000                                 | 25.2                           |
|                           |                      | 80            | 285.000                                 | 25.2                           |
|                           |                      | 82            | 242.000                                 | 25.2                           |
|                           |                      | 84            | 247.000                                 | 25.2                           |
|                           |                      | 86            | 235.000                                 | 25.2                           |
|                           |                      | 88            | 236.000                                 | 25.2                           |
|                           |                      | 90            | 226.000                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 92            | 174.300                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 94            | 166.500                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 96            | 167.500                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 98            | 159.500                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 100           | 139.000                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 102           | 122.600                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 104           | 119.700                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 106           | 117.700                                 | 25.2                           |
|                           |                      | 108           | 108.100                                 | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | 110           | 103.200                                 | 25.4                           |
|                           |                      | 112           | 95.100                                  | 25.4                           |
|                           |                      | 114           | 82.700                                  | 25.5                           |
|                           |                      | 116           | 78.000                                  | 25.5                           |
| 118                       | 79.000               | 25.6          |   |                                |
| 120                       | 73.300               | 25.7          |   |                                |
| 122                       | 72.900               | 25.7          |   |                                |
| 125                       | 67.400               | 25.8          |   |                                |
| 126                       | 65.100               | 25.8          |   |                                |
| 128                       | 63.800               | 25.9          |   |                                |
| 130                       | 64.300               | 25.9          |   |                                |
| 132                       | 63.300               | 26.0          |   |                                |
| 134                       | 66.700               | 26.0          |   |                                |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu$ S) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}$ C) |      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|------|
| 0.5                       | 2                    | 136           | 64.200                                  | 26.0                           |      |
|                           |                      | 138           | 60.900                                  | 26.1                           |      |
|                           |                      | 140           | 60.900                                  | 26.1                           |      |
|                           |                      | 142           | 69.500                                  | 26.1                           |      |
|                           |                      | 144           | 68.600                                  | 26.1                           |      |
|                           |                      | 146           | 69.300                                  | 26.2                           |      |
|                           |                      | 148           | 66.500                                  | 26.2                           |      |
|                           |                      | 150           | 60.900                                  | 26.3                           |      |
|                           |                      | 152           | 63.500                                  | 26.3                           |      |
|                           |                      | 154           | 52.600                                  | 26.3                           |      |
|                           |                      | 156           | 56.100                                  | 26.4                           |      |
|                           |                      | 158           | 61.500                                  | 26.4                           |      |
|                           |                      | 160           | 63.800                                  | 26.4                           |      |
|                           | ave                  | 63.406        | 26.2                                    |                                |      |
|                           | 3                    | 3             | 30                                      | 3870.000                       | 25.1 |
|                           |                      |               | 32                                      | 2560.000                       | 25.1 |
|                           |                      |               | 34                                      | 1202.000                       | 25.1 |
|                           |                      |               | 36                                      | 1167.000                       | 25.1 |
|                           |                      |               | 38                                      | 1115.000                       | 25.1 |
| 40                        |                      |               | 974.000                                 | 25.1                           |      |
| 42                        |                      |               | 1003.000                                | 25.2                           |      |
| 44                        |                      |               | 1054.000                                | 25.2                           |      |
| 46                        |                      |               | 979.000                                 | 25.3                           |      |
| 48                        |                      |               | 1037.000                                | 25.3                           |      |
| 50                        |                      |               | 974.000                                 | 25.3                           |      |
| 52                        |                      |               | 1040.000                                | 25.4                           |      |
| 54                        |                      |               | 1170.000                                | 25.5                           |      |
| 56                        |                      |               | 1217.000                                | 25.6                           |      |
| 58                        |                      |               | 1336.000                                | 25.8                           |      |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu$ S) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}$ C) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 0.5                       | 3                    | 60            | 1328.000                                | 25.8                           |
|                           |                      | 62            | 1384.000                                | 25.9                           |
|                           |                      | 64            | 1276.000                                | 25.9                           |
|                           |                      | 66            | 1331.000                                | 26.0                           |
|                           |                      | 68            | 1316.000                                | 26.0                           |
|                           |                      | 70            | 1333.000                                | 26.0                           |
|                           |                      | 72            | 1320.000                                | 26.0                           |
|                           |                      | ave           | 1299.864                                | 25.9                           |
|                           | 4                    | 30            | 0.080                                   | 24.8                           |
|                           |                      | 35            | 57.400                                  | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 40            | 276.000                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 45            | 282.000                                 | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | 50            | 471.000                                 | 25.5                           |
|                           |                      | 55            | 793.000                                 | 25.6                           |
|                           |                      | 60            | 987.000                                 | 25.6                           |
|                           |                      | 62            | 1188.000                                | 25.6                           |
|                           |                      | 64            | 1221.000                                | 25.7                           |
|                           |                      | 66            | 1178.000                                | 25.8                           |
|                           |                      | 68            | 1184.000                                | 25.8                           |
|                           |                      | 70            | 1189.000                                | 25.9                           |
|                           |                      | 71            | 1208.000                                | 25.9                           |
|                           |                      | 72            | 1226.000                                | 25.9                           |
|                           |                      | 73            | 1238.000                                | 25.9                           |
|                           |                      | 74            | 1230.000                                | 25.9                           |
|                           |                      | 75            | 1182.000                                | 25.9                           |
|                           |                      | ave           | 1196.538                                | 25.7                           |
|                           | 5                    | 30            | 0.100                                   | 27.4                           |
| 32                        |                      | 0.200         | 27.5                                    |                                |
| 34                        |                      | 0.200         | 27.5                                    |                                |



| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu$ S) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}$ C) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 0.5                       | 5                    | 36            | 0.200                                   | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 38            | 0.200                                   | 27.6                           |
|                           |                      | 40            | 0.200                                   | 27.6                           |
|                           |                      | 42            | 0.200                                   | 27.6                           |
|                           |                      | 44            | 0.300                                   | 27.6                           |
|                           |                      | 46            | 0.200                                   | 27.6                           |
|                           |                      | 48            | 0.020                                   | 27.6                           |
|                           |                      | 50            | 0.400                                   | 27.6                           |
|                           |                      | 52            | 0.000                                   | 27.6                           |
|                           |                      | 54            | 0.230                                   | 27.6                           |
|                           |                      | 56            | 0.000                                   | 27.6                           |
|                           |                      | 58            | 0.000                                   | 27.6                           |
|                           |                      | 60            | 0.000                                   | 27.6                           |
|                           |                      | 65            | 0.000                                   | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 70            | 25.000                                  | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 72            | 43.500                                  | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 74            | 103.300                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 76            | 195.000                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 78            | 231.000                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 80            | 317.000                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 82            | 402.000                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 84            | 489.000                                 | 27.5                           |
| 86                        | 555.000              | 27.5          |   |                                |
| 88                        | 610.000              | 27.5          |   |                                |
| 90                        | 637.000              | 27.5          |   |                                |
| 92                        | 687.000              | 27.5          |   |                                |
| 94                        | 745.000              | 27.5          |   |                                |
| 96                        | 765.000              | 27.5          |   |                                |
| 98                        | 797.000              | 27.5          |   |                                |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu$ S) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}$ C) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 0.5                       | 5                    | 101           | 772.000                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 102           | 770.000                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 103           | 749.000                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 104           | 725.000                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 105           | 737.000                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 106           | 708.000                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 107           | 740.000                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 108           | 737.000                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 109           | 728.000                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | 110           | 712.000                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           |                      | ave           | 748.563                                 | 27.5                           |
|                           | 6                    | 30            | 27.500                                  | 24.7                           |
|                           |                      | 35            | 38.600                                  | 24.7                           |
|                           |                      | 40            | 67.500                                  | 24.8                           |
|                           |                      | 45            | 112.600                                 | 24.9                           |
|                           |                      | 50            | 166.700                                 | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 55            | 190.700                                 | 25.2                           |
|                           |                      | 60            | 257.000                                 | 25.4                           |
|                           |                      | 65            | 269.000                                 | 25.4                           |
|                           |                      | 72            | 240.000                                 | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | 75            | 234.000                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 80            | 214.000                                 | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 85            | 202.000                                 | 24.9                           |
|                           |                      | 90            | 167.600                                 | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 91            | 163.900                                 | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 92            | 171.000                                 | 25.0                           |
| 93                        | 170.100              | 25.0          |   |                                |
| 94                        | 169.300              | 25.0          |   |                                |
| 95                        | 172.700              | 25.0          |   |                                |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu\text{S}$ ) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 0.5                       | 6                    | 96            | 176.800  | 25.1                                  |
|                           |                      | 97            | 177.900  | 25.1                                  |
|                           |                      | 98            | 174.900  | 25.1                                  |
|                           |                      | 99            | 165.600  | 25.1                                  |
|                           |                      | ave           | 170.980  | 25.0                                  |
|                           | 7                    | 30            | 0.000  | 26.6                                  |
|                           |                      | 35            | 0.000  | 26.8                                  |
|                           |                      | 40            | 0.000  | 26.8                                  |
|                           |                      | 45            | 0.000  | 26.8                                  |
|                           |                      | 50            | 0.000  | 26.9                                  |
|                           |                      | 55            | 0.000  | 26.9                                  |
|                           |                      | 60            | 0.000  | 27.0                                  |
|                           |                      | 65            | 0.000  | 27.0                                  |
|                           |                      | 70            | 0.000  | 27.1                                  |
|                           |                      | 75            | 0.000  | 27.1                                  |
|                           |                      | 80            | 0.000  | 27.2                                  |
|                           |                      | 85            | 0.000  | 27.2                                  |
|                           |                      | 90            | 0.000  | 27.2                                  |
|                           |                      | 95            | 0.000  | 27.4                                  |
|                           | ave                  | 0.000         | 27.0   |                                       |
| 10                        | 30                   | 0.000         | 24.6   |                                       |
|                           | 32                   | 0.350         | 24.7   |                                       |
|                           | 34                   | 0.430         | 24.7   |                                       |
|                           | 36                   | 6.250         | 24.8   |                                       |
|                           | 38                   | 0.730         | 24.8   |                                       |
|                           | 40                   | 0.800         | 24.8   |                                       |
|                           | 42                   | 0.820         | 24.9   |                                       |
|                           | 44                   | 0.000         | 24.9   |                                       |
|                           | 46                   | 0.520         | 25.0   |                                       |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu\text{S}$ ) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 0.5                       | 10                   | 48            | 0.540  | 25.0                                  |
|                           |                      | 50            | 0.540  | 25.0                                  |
|                           |                      | 52            | 0.760  | 25.1                                  |
|                           |                      | 54            | 0.840  | 25.1                                  |
|                           |                      | 56            | 0.000  | 25.1                                  |
|                           |                      | 58            | 0.490  | 25.1                                  |
|                           |                      | 60            | 0.790  | 25.2                                  |
|                           |                      | 68            | 0.000  | 25.4                                  |
|                           |                      | 70            | 0.000  | 25.4                                  |
|                           |                      | 75            | 0.200  | 25.4                                  |
|                           |                      | 80            | 0.100  | 25.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 85            | 0.200  | 25.5                                  |
|                           |                      | ave           | 0.356  | 25.2                                  |

**Table A9** Electrolytic conductivity of each phase in microemulsion formation with 1 wt.% of Alfoterra at different NaCl concentrations and an initial oil to water ratio = 1:1

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu\text{S}$ ) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1                         | 2                    | 30            | 699.000  | 23.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 35            | 518.000  | 23.6                                  |
|                           |                      | 40            | 488.000  | 23.9                                  |
|                           |                      | 45            | 406.000  | 24.3                                  |
|                           |                      | 50            | 398.000  | 24.7                                  |
|                           |                      | 55            | 398.000  | 25.1                                  |
|                           |                      | 60            | 398.000  | 25.4                                  |
|                           |                      | 61            | 367.000  | 25.4                                  |
|                           |                      | 62            | 363.000  | 25.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 63            | 364.000  | 25.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 64            | 370.000  | 25.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 65            | 363.000  | 25.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 66            | 360.000  | 25.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 67            | 377.000  | 25.6                                  |
|                           |                      | ave           | 378.545  | 25.3                                  |
| 1                         | 3                    | 30            | 1229.000                                       | 24.2                                  |
|                           |                      | 35            | 724.000  | 24.2                                  |
|                           |                      | 40            | 226.000  | 24.3                                  |
|                           |                      | 45            | 105.900  | 24.4                                  |
|                           |                      | 50            | 89.200   | 24.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 55            | 114.200  | 24.6                                  |
|                           |                      | 60            | 119.000  | 24.7                                  |
|                           |                      | 65            | 131.400  | 24.8                                  |
|                           |                      | 70            | 141.000  | 24.9                                  |
|                           |                      | 75            | 144.600  | 24.9                                  |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu$ S) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}$ C) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1                         | 3                    | 80            | 162.100                                 | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 85            | 170.200                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 90            | 173.500                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 95            | 184.300                                 | 25.2                           |
|                           |                      | 100           | 183.200                                 | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | 102           | 180.700                                 | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | 104           | 172.800                                 | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | 105           | 165.700                                 | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | 106           | 165.700                                 | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | ave           | 173.133                                 | 25.2                           |
|                           | 4                    | 30            | 4610.000                                | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 35            | 951.000                                 | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 40            | 375.000                                 | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 45            | 772.000                                 | 24.9                           |
|                           |                      | 50            | 1028.000                                | 24.9                           |
|                           |                      | 55            | 1312.000                                | 24.9                           |
|                           |                      | 60            | 1409.000                                | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 65            | 1564.000                                | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 70            | 1739.000                                | 25.1                           |
| 75                        |                      | 1799.000      | 25.1                                    |                                |
| 80                        | 1937.000             | 25.1          |   |                                |
| 85                        | 4790.000             | 25.3          |   |                                |
| 90                        | 4710.000             | 25.3          |   |                                |
| 95                        | 4740.000             | 25.3          |   |                                |
| 100                       | 4710.000             | 25.3          |   |                                |
| 105                       | 4960.000             | 25.3          |   |                                |
| 106                       | 5040.000             | 25.3          |   |                                |
| 108                       | 5080.000             | 25.3          |   |                                |
| 110                       | 4910.000             | 25.2          |   |                                |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu$ S) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}$ C) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1                         | 4                    | 112           | 5010.000                                | 25.2                           |
|                           |                      | 114           | 4800.000                                | 25.2                           |
|                           |                      | 116           | 4970.000                                | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 118           | 5020.000                                | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 120           | 4960.000                                | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | ave           | 4981.176                                | 25.2                           |
|                           |                      | 5             | 30                                      | 924.000                        |
|                           | 35                   |               | 196.100                                 | 26.6                           |
|                           | 40                   |               | 187.200                                 | 26.5                           |
|                           | 45                   |               | 210.000                                 | 26.4                           |
|                           | 50                   |               | 199.800                                 | 26.3                           |
|                           | 55                   |               | 194.200                                 | 26.1                           |
|                           | 60                   |               | 196.200                                 | 25.9                           |
|                           | 62                   |               | 191.600                                 | 25.9                           |
|                           | 64                   |               | 194.600                                 | 25.8                           |
|                           | 66                   |               | 198.800                                 | 25.8                           |
|                           | 68                   |               | 212.000                                 | 25.7                           |
|                           | 70                   |               | 214.000                                 | 25.7                           |
|                           | 72                   |               | 198.000                                 | 25.6                           |
|                           | 74                   |               | 223.000                                 | 25.6                           |
|                           | ave                  |               | 200.668                                 | 26.0                           |
|                           | 6                    | 30            | 0.000                                   | 23.6                           |
|                           |                      | 35            | 0.000                                   | 24.0                           |
|                           |                      | 40            | 0.000                                   | 24.3                           |
|                           |                      | 45            | 1.500                                   | 24.6                           |
|                           |                      | 50            | 3.500                                   | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 55            | 9.900                                   | 25.3                           |
| 60                        |                      | 14.500        | 25.4                                    |                                |
| 65                        |                      | 65.900        | 25.5                                    |                                |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu$ S) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}$ C) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1                         | 6                    | 70            | 73.900                                  | 25.5                           |
|                           |                      | 75            | 126.300                                 | 25.4                           |
|                           |                      | 80            | 168.500                                 | 25.4                           |
|                           |                      | 85            | 208.000                                 | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | 90            | 215.000                                 | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | 92            | 223.000                                 | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | 94            | 237.000                                 | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | 96            | 245.000                                 | 25.4                           |
|                           |                      | 98            | 236.000                                 | 25.4                           |
|                           |                      | 100           | 220.000                                 | 25.4                           |
|                           |                      | 102           | 233.000                                 | 25.5                           |
|                           |                      | 104           | 247.000                                 | 25.5                           |
|                           |                      | 106           | 248.000                                 | 25.5                           |
|                           |                      | 108           | 248.000                                 | 25.5                           |
|                           |                      | 110           | 241.000                                 | 25.5                           |
|                           |                      | 112           | 232.000                                 | 25.5                           |
|                           |                      | 114           | 233.000                                 | 25.5                           |
|                           | ave                  |               | 239.643                                 | 25.5                           |
|                           | 7                    | 30            | 0.000                                   | 27.2                           |
|                           |                      | 35            | 0.000                                   | 27.3                           |
|                           |                      | 40            | 0.010                                   | 27.2                           |
|                           |                      | 45            | 0.010                                   | 27.1                           |
|                           |                      | 50            | 0.000                                   | 26.9                           |
|                           |                      | 55            | 0.010                                   | 26.8                           |
|                           |                      | 60            | 0.000                                   | 26.6                           |
|                           |                      | 65            | 0.010                                   | 26.5                           |
|                           |                      | 70            | 0.000                                   | 26.4                           |
|                           |                      | 75            | 0.020                                   | 26.3                           |
|                           |                      | 80            | 0.000                                   | 26.1                           |



| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu\text{S}$ ) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1                         | 7                    | 85            | 0.000  | 26.0                                  |
|                           |                      | ave           | 0.004  | 26.5                                  |
|                           | 8                    | 30            | 0.000  | 26.3                                  |
|                           |                      | 35            | 0.000  | 26.6                                  |
|                           |                      | 40            | 0.000  | 26.7                                  |
|                           |                      | 45            | 0.000  | 26.8                                  |
|                           |                      | 50            | 0.000  | 26.8                                  |
|                           |                      | 55            | 0.000  | 26.8                                  |
|                           |                      | 60            | 0.000  | 26.8                                  |
|                           |                      | 65            | 0.000  | 26.9                                  |
|                           |                      | 70            | 0.000  | 26.9                                  |
|                           |                      | 75            | 0.000  | 26.9                                  |
|                           |                      | 80            | 0.000  | 27.0                                  |
|                           |                      | 85            | 0.000  | 27.0                                  |
|                           |                      | 90            | 0.000  | 27.1                                  |
|                           | 95                   | 0.000         | 27.1   |                                       |
|                           | ave                  | 0.000         | 26.9   |                                       |
|                           | 10                   | 30            | 0.000  | 25.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 35            | 0.000  | 25.7                                  |
|                           |                      | 40            | 0.000  | 25.9                                  |
|                           |                      | 45            | 0.000  | 26.1                                  |
|                           |                      | 50            | 0.000  | 26.2                                  |
|                           |                      | 55            | 0.000  | 26.3                                  |
|                           |                      | 60            | 0.000  | 26.4                                  |
|                           |                      | 65            | 0.000  | 26.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 70            | 0.000  | 26.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 75            | 0.000  | 26.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 80            | 0.000  | 26.6                                  |
|                           | 85                   | 0.000         | 26.8   |                                       |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu$ S) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}$ C) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1                         | 10                   | 90            | 0.000                                   | 26.9                           |
|                           |                      | ave           | 0.000                                   | 26.4                           |

**Table A10** Electrolytic conductivity of each phase in microemulsion formation with 1.5 wt.% of Alfoterra at different NaCl concentrations and an initial oil to water ratio = 1:1

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu\text{S}$ ) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1.5                       | 3                    | 30            | 2450.000                                       | 26.0                                  |
|                           |                      | 35            | 577.000  | 25.9                                  |
|                           |                      | 40            | 447.000  | 25.9                                  |
|                           |                      | 45            | 326.000  | 25.8                                  |
|                           |                      | 50            | 258.000  | 25.8                                  |
|                           |                      | 55            | 289.000  | 25.8                                  |
|                           |                      | 60            | 323.000  | 25.8                                  |
|                           |                      | 65            | 340.000  | 25.8                                  |
|                           |                      | 70            | 351.000  | 25.6                                  |
|                           |                      | 75            | 292.000  | 25.6                                  |
|                           |                      | 80            | 185.000  | 25.6                                  |
|                           |                      | 85            | 269.000  | 25.6                                  |
|                           |                      | 90            | 230.000  | 25.6                                  |
|                           |                      | 95            | 207.000  | 25.6                                  |
|                           |                      | 100           | 212.000  | 25.6                                  |
|                           |                      | 105           | 232.000  | 25.6                                  |
|                           |                      | 110           | 152.500  | 25.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 115           | 254.000  | 25.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 120           | 238.000  | 25.5                                  |
|                           | 125                  | 207.000       | 25.5   |                                       |
| 130                       | 243.000              | 25.5          |  |                                       |
|                           | ave                  |               | 230.444  | 25.5                                  |
|                           | 4                    | 30            | 769.000  | 26.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 35            | 960.000  | 26.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 40            | 1148.000                                       | 26.4                                  |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu\text{S}$ ) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) |        |       |      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|------|
| 1.5                       | 4                    | 45            | 1335.000                                       | 26.3                                  |        |       |      |
|                           |                      | 50            | 1537.000                                       | 26.3                                  |        |       |      |
|                           |                      | 55            | 1758.000                                       | 26.2                                  |        |       |      |
|                           |                      | 60            | 1902.000                                       | 26.1                                  |        |       |      |
|                           |                      | 65            | 1974.000                                       | 26.0                                  |        |       |      |
|                           |                      | 70            | 5200.000                                       | 26.0                                  |        |       |      |
|                           |                      | 75            | 5250.000                                       | 25.9                                  |        |       |      |
|                           |                      | 80            | 5310.000                                       | 25.8                                  |        |       |      |
|                           |                      | 85            | 5150.000                                       | 25.8                                  |        |       |      |
|                           |                      | 90            | 5130.000                                       | 25.7                                  |        |       |      |
|                           |                      | 92            | 5170.000                                       | 25.7                                  |        |       |      |
|                           |                      | 94            | 5130.000                                       | 25.6                                  |        |       |      |
|                           |                      | 96            | 5180.000                                       | 25.6                                  |        |       |      |
|                           |                      | 98            | 5170.000                                       | 25.6                                  |        |       |      |
|                           |                      | 100           | 5130.000                                       | 25.6                                  |        |       |      |
|                           | ave                  | 5160.000      | 25.7   |                                       |        |       |      |
|                           | 5                    | 5             | 30   | 289.000                               | 26.3   |       |      |
|                           |                      |               | 35   | 296.000                               | 26.4   |       |      |
|                           |                      |               | 40   | 211.000                               | 26.3   |       |      |
|                           |                      |               | 45   | 268.000                               | 26.2   |       |      |
|                           |                      |               | 50   | 202.000                               | 26.1   |       |      |
|                           |                      |               | 55   | 205.000                               | 26.0   |       |      |
|                           |                      |               | ave  | 203.500                               | 26.2   |       |      |
|                           |                      |               | 7  | 7                                     | 30     | 0.000 | 24.9 |
|                           |                      |               |  |                                       | 35     | 0.000 | 25.0 |
|                           |                      |               |  |                                       | 40     | 0.000 | 25.0 |
|                           |                      |               |  |                                       | 45     | 0.410 | 25.0 |
| 50                        |                      |               |  |                                       | 18.560 | 25.0  |      |
| 55                        | 24.400               | 25.0          |  |                                       |        |       |      |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu$ S) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}$ C) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1.5                       | 7                    | 60            | 23.600                                  | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 62            | 23.000                                  | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 65            | 24.300                                  | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 66            | 21.700                                  | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 67            | 22.700                                  | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 68            | 22.500                                  | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 69            | 25.700                                  | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 70            | 21.500                                  | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 71            | 20.400                                  | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 72            | 20.700                                  | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 73            | 25.400                                  | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 74            | 22.300                                  | 25.0                           |
|                           | 75                   | 22.500        | 25.0                                    |                                |
|                           | ave                  | 23.006        | 25.0                                    |                                |
|                           | 1.5                  | 8             | 30                                      | 0.000                          |
| 35                        |                      |               | 0.000                                   | 26.7                           |
| 40                        |                      |               | 0.000                                   | 26.8                           |
| 45                        |                      |               | 0.000                                   | 26.8                           |
| 50                        |                      |               | 0.000                                   | 26.9                           |
| 55                        |                      |               | 0.000                                   | 26.9                           |
| 60                        |                      |               | 0.000                                   | 27.0                           |
| 65                        |                      |               | 0.000                                   | 26.9                           |
| ave                       |                      |               | 0.000                                   | 26.8                           |
| 1.5                       |                      |               | 10                                      | 30                             |
|                           | 35                   | 0.000         |   | 25.6                           |
|                           | 40                   | 0.000         |   | 25.7                           |
|                           | 45                   | 0.000         |   | 26.0                           |
|                           | 50                   | 0.000         |   | 26.0                           |
|                           | 55                   | 0.000         |   | 26.3                           |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu$ S) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}$ C) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1.5                       | 10                   | 60            | 0.000                                   | 26.6                           |
|                           |                      | ave           | 0.000                                   | 26.3                           |

**Table A11** Electrolytic conductivity of each phase in microemulsion formation with 3 wt.% of Alfoterra at different NaCl concentrations and an initial oil to water ratio = 1:1

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu$ S) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}$ C) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 3                         | 3                    | 45            | 272.000                                 | 26.4                           |
|                           |                      | 50            | 242.000                                 | 26.5                           |
|                           |                      | 55            | 181.900                                 | 26.6                           |
|                           |                      | 60            | 131.500                                 | 26.7                           |
|                           |                      | 65            | 51.200                                  | 26.6                           |
|                           |                      | 70            | 37.500                                  | 26.4                           |
|                           |                      | 75            | 55.900                                  | 26.0                           |
|                           |                      | 80            | 58.900                                  | 25.7                           |
|                           |                      | 85            | 77.600                                  | 25.5                           |
|                           |                      | 90            | 100.600                                 | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | 95            | 97.200                                  | 25.2                           |
|                           |                      | 100           | 99.900                                  | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 102           | 105.900                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 104           | 108.400                                 | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 106           | 104.300                                 | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 108           | 104.000                                 | 25.0                           |
|                           |                      | 110           | 101.100                                 | 25.0                           |
| 112                       | 104.600              | 25.0          |   |                                |
| 114                       | 100.900              | 24.9          |   |                                |
|                           |                      | ave           | 103.947                                 | 25.0                           |
| 3                         | 4                    | 45            | 5300.000                                | 24.9                           |
|                           |                      | 50            | 3260.000                                | 25.1                           |
|                           |                      | 55            | 292.000                                 | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | 60            | 5.570                                   | 25.3                           |
|                           |                      | 65            | 1.300                                   | 25.4                           |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu\text{S}$ ) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) |      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|------|
| 3                         | 4                    | 70            | 0.450  | 25.5                                  |      |
|                           |                      | 75            | 128.100  | 25.6                                  |      |
|                           |                      | 80            | 265.000  | 25.6                                  |      |
|                           |                      | 85            | 236.000  | 25.6                                  |      |
|                           |                      | 90            | 243.000  | 25.6                                  |      |
|                           |                      | 92            | 260.000  | 25.5                                  |      |
|                           |                      | 94            | 270.000  | 25.5                                  |      |
|                           |                      | 96            | 291.000  | 25.4                                  |      |
|                           |                      | 97            | 296.000  | 25.4                                  |      |
|                           |                      | 98            | 296.000  | 25.4                                  |      |
|                           |                      | 99            | 299.000  | 25.4                                  |      |
|                           |                      | 100           | 296.000  | 25.4                                  |      |
|                           |                      | 101           | 299.000  | 25.4                                  |      |
|                           |                      | 102           | 305.000  | 25.4                                  |      |
|                           | 103                  | 308.000       | 25.3   |                                       |      |
|                           | 104                  | 300.000       | 25.3   |                                       |      |
|                           | 105                  | 292.000       | 25.3   |                                       |      |
|                           | ave                  | 299.875       | 25.4   |                                       |      |
|                           | 3                    | 5             | 45   | 1687.000                              | 25.6 |
|                           |                      |               | 50   | 8070.000                              | 25.6 |
| 55                        |                      |               | 7430.000                                       | 25.6                                  |      |
| 60                        |                      |               | 6780.000                                       | 25.5                                  |      |
| 65                        |                      |               | 4650.000                                       | 25.4                                  |      |
| 70                        |                      |               | 4830.000                                       | 25.3                                  |      |
| 75                        |                      |               | 5040.000                                       | 25.2                                  |      |
| 80                        |                      |               | 5170.000                                       | 25.1                                  |      |
| 85                        |                      |               | 5270.000                                       | 25.0                                  |      |
| 90                        |                      |               | 5330.000                                       | 24.9                                  |      |
|                           | 95                   | 5350.000      | 24.8   |                                       |      |



| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu\text{S}$ ) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) |       |      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------|------|
| 3                         | 5                    | 96            | 5370.000                                       | 24.8                                  |       |      |
|                           |                      | 97            | 5350.000                                       | 24.8                                  |       |      |
|                           |                      | 98            | 5350.000                                       | 24.8                                  |       |      |
|                           |                      | 99            | 5340.000                                       | 24.8                                  |       |      |
|                           |                      | 100           | 5390.000                                       | 24.8                                  |       |      |
|                           |                      | 101           | 5380.000                                       | 24.8                                  |       |      |
|                           |                      | 102           | 5390.000                                       | 24.8                                  |       |      |
|                           |                      | 103           | 5400.000                                       | 24.9                                  |       |      |
|                           |                      | 104           | 5370.000                                       | 24.9                                  |       |      |
|                           |                      | 105           | 5360.000                                       | 24.9                                  |       |      |
|                           |                      | ave           | 5368.182                                       | 24.8                                  |       |      |
|                           | 6                    | 6             | 45   | 501.000                               | 23.8  |      |
|                           |                      |               | 50   | 83.000                                | 23.8  |      |
|                           |                      |               | 55   | 14.000                                | 23.8  |      |
|                           |                      |               | 60   | 58.000                                | 23.9  |      |
|                           |                      |               | 65   | 418.000                               | 24.0  |      |
|                           |                      |               | 70   | 755.000                               | 24.0  |      |
|                           |                      |               | 75   | 849.000                               | 24.0  |      |
|                           |                      |               | 80   | 860.000                               | 24.0  |      |
|                           |                      |               | 81   | 860.000                               | 24.0  |      |
| 82                        |                      |               | 861.000  | 24.0                                  |       |      |
| 83                        |                      |               | 861.000  | 24.0                                  |       |      |
| 84                        |                      |               | 864.000  | 24.0                                  |       |      |
| 85                        |                      |               | 866.000  | 24.0                                  |       |      |
| ave                       |                      |               | 862.000  | 24.0                                  |       |      |
| 9                         |                      |               | 9  | 45                                    | 3.000 | 24.3 |
|                           |                      |               |  | 50                                    | 3.000 | 24.4 |
|                           |                      |               |  | 55                                    | 3.000 | 24.5 |
|                           |                      |               |  | 60                                    | 3.000 | 24.5 |

| Alfoterra Conc.<br>(wt.%) | NaCl Conc.<br>(wt.%) | Time<br>(min) | Electrolytic conductivity<br>( $\mu\text{S}$ ) | Temperature<br>( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 3                         | 9                    | 65            | 2.000  | 24.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 70            | 2.000  | 24.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 75            | 2.000  | 24.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 80            | 2.000  | 24.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 85            | 2.000  | 24.5                                  |
|                           |                      | 90            | 2.000  | 24.5                                  |
|                           |                      | ave           | 2.000  | 24.5                                  |
|                           | 10                   | 45            | 0.200  | 25.2                                  |
|                           |                      | 50            | 0.200  | 25.2                                  |
|                           |                      | 55            | 0.200  | 25.2                                  |
|                           |                      | 60            | 0.200  | 25.2                                  |
|                           |                      | 65            | 0.200  | 25.2                                  |
|                           |                      | 70            | 0.200  | 25.2                                  |
|                           |                      | 75            | 0.200  | 25.1                                  |
| 80                        | 0.200                | 25.1          |  |                                       |
| ave                       | 0.200                | 25.2          |  |                                       |

## Appendix B Experimental data of froth flotation experiment.

### 1. Oil Removal

The oil removal was calculated by the following formulation:

$$\text{Oil removal (\%)} = \frac{C_t F_t - C_i F_i}{C_i F_i} \times 100 \quad (\text{B1})$$

where  $C_t$  = concentration of oil in an effluent (wt.%)  
 $C_i$  = concentration of oil in an influent (wt.%)  
 $F_t$  = volumetric flow rate of an effluent (mL/min)  
 $F_i$  = volumetric flow rate of an influent (mL/min)

### 2. Surfactant Removal

The surfactant removal was interpreted by the following equations:

$$\text{Surfactant removal (\%)} = \frac{C_{s,t} F_{s,t} - C_{s,i} F_{s,i}}{C_{s,i} F_{s,i}} \times 100 \quad (\text{B2})$$

where  $C_{s,t}$  = concentration of surfactant in an effluent (wt.%)  
 $C_{s,i}$  = concentration of surfactant in an influent (wt.%)  
 $F_t$  = volumetric flow rate of an effluent (mL/min)  
 $F_i$  = volumetric flow rate of an influent (mL/min)

### 3. Enrichment Ratio

The enrichment was calculated by the following equations:

$$\text{Enrichment ratio} = \frac{C_f}{C_i} \quad (\text{B3})$$

where  $C_f$  = concentration of oil in the collapsed foam solution  
 $C_i$  = concentration of oil in an influent

#### 4. Effective Parameter on Froth Flotation

**Table B1 Summary results of froth flotation performance of all system in the surfactant concentration effect at NaCl concentration = 5 wt.%, oil:water ratio = 1:1, air flow rate = 0.30 L/min, HRT = 30 min, foam height = 26 cm**

| System        | Alfoterra concentration (wt.%) | Oil removal (%) | Enrichment ratio of oil | Surfactant removal | Enrichment ratio of surfactant | Foam wetness (g/mL) | Foam production rate (mL/min) |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1:1 Alf0.3 N5 | 0.3                            | 45.29           | 0.76                    | 19.04              | 0.37                           | 1.0352              | 13.54                         |
| 1:1 Alf0.5 N5 | 0.5                            | 61.49           | 0.86                    | 48.76              | 1.03                           | 1.0367              | 23.69                         |
| 1:1 Alf1.0 N5 | 1.0                            | 46.97           | 0.80                    | 24.11              | 0.87                           | 1.0359              | 14.40                         |
| 1:1 Alf1.5 N5 | 1.5                            | 56.79           | 0.56                    | 31.79              | 0.78                           | 1.0307              | 23.88                         |

**Table B2 Summary results of froth flotation performance of all system in the HRT effect at Alfoterra concentration = 0.5 wt.%, NaCl concentration = 5 wt.%, oil:water ratio = 1:1, air flow rate = 0.30 L/min, foam height = 26 cm**

| System                        | HRT<br>(min) | Oil<br>removal<br>(%) | Enrichment<br>ratio of oil | Surfactant<br>removal | Enrichment<br>ratio of<br>surfactant | Foam<br>wetness<br>(g/mL) | Foam<br>production rate<br>(mL/min) |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1:1 Alf0.5 N5 (f = 66 mL/min) | 30           | 61.49                 | 0.86                       | 48.76                 | 1.03                                 | 1.0367                    | 23.69                               |
| 1:1 Alf0.5 N5 (f = 44 mL/min) | 45           | 55.16                 | 0.71                       | 49.53                 | 0.87                                 | 1.0301                    | 14.08                               |
| 1:1 Alf0.5 N5 (f = 33 mL/min) | 60           | 40.95                 | 1.05                       | 39.31                 | 0.91                                 | 1.0397                    | 11.76                               |

## Appendix C Experimental data of foamability and foam stability experiment.

### 1. Foamability

The foamability was defined as the ratio of maximum foam height to initial solution height

$$\text{Foamability} = \frac{H_{\text{max.}}}{H_i} \quad (\text{C1})$$

where

|                   |   |                         |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------|
| $H_{\text{max.}}$ | = | Maximum foam height     |
| $H_i$             | = | Initial solution height |

### 2. Foam Stability ( $t_{1/2}$ )

The foam stability was defined as the time that was required for the foam volume to collapse by half.

### 3. Effective parameter on foamability and foam stability

**Table C1** Summary results of foamability and foam stability for the non-agitated surfactant system at NaCl concentration = 5 wt.%, oil:water ratio = 1:1, air flow rate = 0.1 L/min

| System        | Alfoterra concentration(wt.%) | Foam ability | Foam stability(min) |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1:1 Alf0.5 N5 | 0.5                           | 3.70         | 12.98               |
| 1:1 Alf1.0 N5 | 1.0                           | 3.16         | 11.95               |
| 1:1 Alf1.5 N5 | 1.5                           | 3.96         | 13.70               |



**Appendix D Experimental data of bubble size distribution.**

**Table D1** Average bubble diameter between the surfactant-free system and the surfactant systems at different positions

| Positions | Pure water | Alfoterra concentration (wt.%) |        |        |        |
|-----------|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|           |            | 0.3                            | 0.5    | 1      | 1.5    |
| Top       | 464.83     | 171.12                         | 173.76 | 168.15 | 169.14 |
| Middle    | 374.63     | 159.67                         | 151.19 | 162.49 | 185.57 |
| Bottom    | 463.96     | 134.24                         | 156.97 | 157.47 | 178.95 |

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