

Magnesia rich supports for enhanced CO₂ capture promoted by Eutectic mixture

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Magnesia based adsorbents with Al₂O₃ and SiO₂ (Mg/Al, Mg/Si molar ratio 3–5) supports further impregnated with (K, Li)NO₃ eutectic mixture were synthesized for high temperature CO₂ capture. The adsorbents are characterized by XRD, BET, SEM-EDX, TEM and thermogravimetric analysis. It was observed that, the excess of MgO present activated at the eutectic point and the carbonation was initiated. The effect of adsorption temperature, effective carbonation conversion and the optimum Mg/Al molar ratio to stabilize MgO for the effective regenerability during the high temperature CO₂ adsorption-desorption were investigated in detail. Also, it was observed that with increasing molar ratio the adsorption performance was increased due to the excess of MgO present. Moreover, due to the presence of the basic MgAl₂O₄ and Mg₂SiO₄ phases, the enrichment of MgO towards CO₂ attraction was observed. This work was supported by KCRC through the NRF funded by Ministry of Science, ICT, and Future Planning (NRF-2014M1A8A1049258)