



Supplementary Materials

## Modified starch as a filter controller in water-based drilling fluids

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Figure S1. ATR-FTIR spectra of (a) NCS, (b) S-g-IA\_APS, and (c) PS.



**Figure S2.** (a) Thermograms and (b) derivative: a–NCS, b–S-g-IA\_APS, and c–PS.



Figure S3. Schematic representation of the interactions between bentonite and S-g-IA\_APS.



Figure S4. Comparison between VAPI and VHPHT of drilling fluids.

Table S1. Thermogravimetric parameters of starches.

| Sample     | Step | Temperature | T <sub>max</sub> | Weight Loss | Ash at 800 °C | Ea       |
|------------|------|-------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|----------|
|            |      | Range (°C)  | (°C)             | (%)         | (%)           | (kJ/mol) |
| NCS        | 1    | 35-214      | 104              | 9.5         |               |          |
|            | 2    | 250-413     | 304              | 77.0        | 8             | 208      |
| S-g-IA_APS | 1    | 35-225      | 108              | 11.0        |               |          |
|            | 2    | 225-342     | 300              | 55.0        |               | 129      |
|            | 3    | 342-483     | 413              | 12.0        | 17            | 18       |
| PS         | 1    | 35-155      | 65               | 6.0         |               |          |
|            | 2    | 212-450     | 314              | 75.0        | 14            | 140      |

 $T_{max}$  is the temperature at the highest rate of mass loss.

Table S2. Herschel-Bulkley parameters of WBDF.

| Parameter              | F1    | F2    | F3    | F4    |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| το (Pa)                | 4.531 | 5.491 | 4.518 | 5.757 |
| k (Pa⋅s <sup>n</sup> ) | 0.013 | 0.105 | 0.060 | 0.084 |
| n                      | 0.978 | 0.569 | 0.724 | 0.698 |
| $\mathbb{R}^2$         | 0.999 | 0.954 | 0.971 | 0.992 |

Table S3. Rheological and filtering parameters of aged WBDF.

| Parameter                          | F2   | F3   | F4   |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|--|--|--|--|
| Fresh WBDF                         |      |      |      |  |  |  |  |
| µ₁ (mPa·s)                         | 10.5 | 13.0 | 16.0 |  |  |  |  |
| µ <sub>P</sub> (mPa⋅s)             | 2.0  | 5.0  | 8.0  |  |  |  |  |
| Y <sub>p</sub> (Pa)                | 8.7  | 8.2  | 8.2  |  |  |  |  |
| $Y_{p}/\mu_{p}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> ) | 4342 | 1635 | 1022 |  |  |  |  |
| Rg10 s (Pa)                        | 5.6  | 4.6  | 7.2  |  |  |  |  |
| Rg10 min (Pa)                      | 6.6  | 9.2  | 12.8 |  |  |  |  |
| Rg,10 min – Rg,10 s (Pa)           | 1.0  | 4.6  | 5.6  |  |  |  |  |
| Vapi (mL)                          | 23   | 18   | 20   |  |  |  |  |
| Aged WBDF                          |      |      |      |  |  |  |  |
| µ₁ (mPa·s)                         | 11.0 | 10.0 | 11.5 |  |  |  |  |
| µ <sub>P</sub> (mPa⋅s)             | 10.0 | 8.0  | 7.0  |  |  |  |  |
| Y <sub>p</sub> (Pa)                | 2.0  | 4.0  | 9.0  |  |  |  |  |
| $Y_{p}/\mu_{p}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> ) | 200  | 500  | 1286 |  |  |  |  |
| Rg,10 s (Pa)                       | 1.0  | 0.5  | 2.6  |  |  |  |  |
| Rg,10 min (Pa)                     | 6.1  | 4.6  | 5.1  |  |  |  |  |
| Rg,10 min - Rg,10 s (Pa)           | 5.1  | 4.1  | 2.6  |  |  |  |  |
| Vapi (mL)                          | 26   | 20   | 23   |  |  |  |  |



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