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4Organo-bentonite for the adsorption of Pb(II) from aqueous solution: Temperature dependent parameters of several adsorption equations Elroy Nathaniel, Alfin Kurniawan, Felycia Edi Soetaredjo, Suryadi Ismadji

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1 **ABSTRACT The preparation of organo-bentonite** was conducted **using**

bentonite from Pacitan as the raw material. The modification of bentonite was conducted by microwave irradiation. The adsorption capability of natural and modified-bentonite was tested for the removal of lead metal from aqueous solution. The adsorption

4 **experiments were** conducted **isothermally in static mode at** various **temperatures.**

5 **The temperature dependent forms of the Langmuir, Freundlich, Sips and Toth** models **were** used **to correlate** equilibrium **data.**

It was found that the

5 **temperature dependent forms of Sips model**

can correlate the experimental data better than other models. The

25 **pseudo-first-order and pseudo-second-order models were** chosen **to** correlate **the experimental** kinetic **data. The pseudo-** second **order** correlated **the**

experimental data fairly well. Keywords: Adsorption; Bentonite; Organo-bentonite; Isotherm; Temperature dependent 1. Introduction The

32 **presence of heavy metals in air, soil and water** are **known to be harmful to** living **species.** The presence **of**

these substances in water such as Cr, Pb, Cd, Zn, Ni, As, Cu and Hg can affect human health because they are non-biodegradable, toxic and carcinogenic even at low concentration [1]. Among the heavy metals, lead is one of the most toxic metals due to its severe effects in human health. The presence of this metal in human body can cause several disorders and diseases such as diminishing IQ, anemia, chronic headache, high blood pressure, diarrhoea, poisoning and malfunction of reproductive and other organ systems such as liver, brain, kidney and central nerve [1,2]. Many kinds of technologies

31 **are available for the removal of** lead **from water** or **wastewater** such as **chemical precipitation,** Corresponding author **ion exchange,** biological treatment,

electrochemical treatment, membrane filtration, and

adsorption [3]. The main advantages of using adsorption process for sequestering of lead and other heavy metals is the efficiency, selectivity, simplicity in design, and low operational cost. This process can also remove heavy metals ions even at very low concentration. However, the main drawback of this technique is the high cost of commercially available adsorbents such as activated carbon, especially for industrial wastewater treatment purpose. Accordingly, alternative low-cost and abundantly available materials for wastewater treatment purpose are needed. Clay has been developed as one of the potential low-cost materials in terms of

19 high specific surface area, cation exchange capacity, chemical and

mechanical stability [4,5]. The utilization of clays for the heavy metals removal from aqueous solutions has been studied [6–16] and strongly recommended due to their E. Nathaniel

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280–288 abundant and natural availability, technical feasibility, engineering applications and cost effectiveness. Bentonite is one of the clay materials found in many countries in the world. It is originated from the volcanic activities that contain montmorillonite, which is a 2:1 type aluminosilicates mineral [8]. Bentonite is composed of an Al-octahedral sheet and two Si-tetrahedral sheets. The tetrahedral sheet provide a substitution of Al³⁺ for Si⁴⁺ which gives a net negative charge on the clay surfaces. Moreover, montmorillonite has an amphoteric pH-dependent surface and high exchange capacity due to isomorphous substitution between Al³⁺ and Si⁴⁺. These surfaces provide suitable adsorption sites for cation species and make it as a potential alternative adsorbent for adsorption of heavy metals. “Bentonite deposit in East Java, Indonesia, is mainly found as Ca or Mg-type bentonite. This type of bentonite is generally suitable as raw material for adsorbent and bleaching earth. In East Java, bentonite reserves can be found in several areas such as Pacitan, Ponorogo, Blitar, Trenggalek, etc, with total reserves more than 500 million tons” [17]. Recently, several studies about the utilization of bentonite clay for lead removal have been conducted [6,7,12], however, the utilization of Pacitan bentonite modified with linear alkylbenzene sulphonate (LAS) surfactant still not available in the literature. Therefore, by conducting this study, the potential application of Pacitan bentonite and its modified form for sequestering of Pb(II) from wastewater is obtained. In most adsorption studies of heavy metals using clays, the equilibrium data were correlated with adsorption isotherm equations at single temperature. It is important that temperature dependence of adsorption isotherm equations should be presented in correlating equilibrium data at various temperatures.

8 To the best of our knowledge, there is no information available about the use of

temperature dependence forms of adsorption isotherm equations for correlation of heavy metals adsorption data. In this study, the temperature dependence

5forms of Langmuir, Freundlich, Sips and Toth models were employed and the

physical meaning and validity of each parameter of the model also discussed.

82. Materials and methods 2.1. Materials Bentonite used in this study was obtained from Pacitan,

1East Java, Indonesia. The type of bentonite from this location is Ca-bentonite. Prior to the use, the bentonite was treated using H₂O₂ solution to

remove its organic impurities. The complete procedure about the purification of bentonite can be found elsewhere [18]. The cation exchange capacity (CEC) of bentonite was 57 meq/100 g of clay according to ASTM C837- 99 procedure. The elemental analysis of bentonite was conducted using flame atomic absorption spectrophotometer (SHIMADZU AA-6200). The results are given as follow: Al 39.12%, Si 47.89%, Fe 3.44%, Ca 0.15%, Mg 0.45%, K 0.24%, Na 0.47%, Mn 0.03% and H₂O 8.21%. The surfactant used as modifying agent was LAS purchased from Sigma Aldrich. 2.2. Preparation of organo-bentonite The modification of bentonite was conducted by microwave heating irradiation method. The procedure was described as follow: 2 g of bentonite was added to 10 mL of surfactant solution with the concentration of LAS equal to the CEC of bentonite. The suspension was then irradiated for 5 min

1in a microwave oven (National NN-S327 WF) at heating power of 700 W. The

selection of the microwave heating procedure is due to the time efficiency and energy-saving [19]. The sample was then washed by deionized water at least three times until the pH of the washing solution did not change significantly. Subsequently, the organo-bentonite was dried in an oven at 105 C for 24 h, crushed and sieved through 100/120 mesh screen. 2.3. Characterizations of materials The characterizations of bentonite and organo-bentonite were conducted using X-ray diffraction (XRD) and FTIR technique. The XRD patterns of bentonite and organo-bentonite

15was recorded on a Rigaku Miniflex Powder Diffractometer at 30 kV and 15 mA with Cu Ka radiation at a step size of 0.01

. The infra-red spectroscopy spectra of the materials was recorded using a FTIR SHIMADZU 8400S

6in order to identify the specific functional groups on the materials surface. The

FTIR analysis was carried out by using KBr disk procedure in the wavenumber range of 500–4000 cm⁻¹.

2.4. Adsorption experiments Adsorption experiments were carried out in a static mode at different

temperatures (30, 40 and 50 C). The adsorption isotherm study was conducted by adding various amounts of adsorbent (0.1–1.0 g) into a series of erlenmeyer flasks with glass stoppered containing

22 **100 mL of metal solution at** initial concentrations **of 200 mg/L.**

The

19 **pH of solution was adjusted to 5 by** adding an appropriate **amount of 0.**

1 N HCl. The solutions were then placed in a water-bath shaker (Memmert) and shaken at 100 rpm for 80 min at desired temperatures. After the process was E. Nathaniel

17 **et al. / Desalination and Water Treatment 36 (2011) 280–288 Fig. 1.** The XRD patterns **of**

natural and organo-bentonite. completed, the

29 **flasks were removed from the bath and the**

mixtures

20 **were centrifuged at 3,500 rpm for 5 min**

34 **to separate the** solution **from the** adsorbent. **The** residual **concentration of Pb (II)** ions **in the** solution **was** ana- lyzed **by** flame **atomic absorption**

spectrophotometer at max of 283.3 nm. All adsorption experiments were performed in triplicate and the results were given as averages. The amount of Pb(II) ions adsorbed can be calculated by

26 **using the following equation: $q_e = \frac{m}{V} (C_0 - C_e)$; $m = \frac{V}{V_0} (C_0 - C_e)$ where C_0 and C_e are the initial and equilibrium**

concen- trations of Pb(II) ions in liquid phase (mmol

14/L), **q_e is the amount of metal adsorbed at equilibrium condition (mmol /g), V is the volume of solution (L) and m is the mass of the adsorbent (g).**

For kinetic study, the adsorption process was carried out by adding a fixed amount natural or organo-bentonite (0.5 g) into a series of 250 mL iodine flasks that contained

22 100 mL of metal solution at initial concentrations of 200 mg/L.

The flasks were then shaken in a thermostatic water-bath shaker at certain temperature (30, 40 and 50 C). During the experiments, at certain of time interval (every 10 min), the metal solution was taken from the flasks (10 mL using volumetric pipette), diluted with deionized water and centrifuged (3,500

20rpm for 5 min). The residual concentration of Pb (II) ions in solution was analyzed using

FAAS SHI- MADZU AA-6200.

273. Results and discussion 3.1. Characterizations of materials **The XRD analysis was used to determine the physical characteristic of the**

layer structure of the materials. The XRD patterns of natural and organo-bentonite are displayed in Fig. 1. In this figure, the basal spacing (d_{001}) of natural and organo-bentonite is 13.6 Å ($2\gamma \frac{1}{4} 6.4634$) and 14.6 Å ($2\gamma \frac{1}{4} 6.0268$), respectively. The increase of basal spacing of organo-bentonite is Table 1 FTIR analysis results of natural and organo-bentonite

Bentonite	Organo-bentonite	Functional groups (cm ⁻¹)
		O–H stretch (Al–OH or Si–OH)
		C–H stretch ((–CH ₂) _n of LAS – structure)
		Asymmetric vibration – Symmetric vibration O–H bend (for adsorbed 1640 H ₂ O)
		Si–O stretch (in-plane for Si- tetrahedral layer)
		Al–Al–OH bend 914
		Si–O bend (quartz) 792
		Si–O–Al bend 521
		Si–O–Si bend 466
		3632 2945 2861 1644 1054 918 794 526 469

due to the intercalation of LAS molecule on the interlayer spacing of bentonite, causing an expansion of its interlamellar spacing. The FTIR analysis results of natural and organo-bentonite are shown in Table 1. In this table, it can be shown that both natural and organo-bentonite had essentially the same surface groups, which are the characteristics of montmorillonite clay such as O–H stretch for Si–OH or Al–OH at around 3,600 cm⁻¹; Si–O stretch (in-plane) for Si-tetrahedral layer at around 1,050

21 cm⁻¹; Al–Al–OH bend at around 910 cm⁻¹; Si–O bend for quartz at

around 790 cm⁻¹; Al–O–Si bend at around 520

21 cm⁻¹ and Si–O–Si bend at around 460 cm⁻¹.

After modification process with LAS surfactant, the existence of new absorption peaks at around 2,940 and 2,860 cm⁻¹ was noticed, these peaks attributed to the asymmetric and symmetric vibration of C–H stretch of methylene groups (–CH₂)_n in aliphatic carbon chain, respectively.

133.2. Effect of temperature The effect of temperature in the adsorption process was studied by varying the temperature of the process (30, 40 and 50 C). The

experimental results (Figs. 2 and 3) indicate that the adsorption capacity of both adsorbents increases as the temperature increases, which are the characteristic of the chemisorption and endothermic process. This may be a result of the increase of the solute mobility in solution which enhanced the

24 diffusion rate of adsorbate molecules onto the adsorbent pores. As

the temperature increases, the viscosity of solution reduce hence diminishing the liquid phase mass-transfer resistance and facilitating solute penetration. Furthermore, bentonite E. Nathaniel

3 et al. / Desalination and Water Treatment 36 (2011) 280–288 Fig. 2. Adsorption equilibrium data of

Pb(II) onto natural bentonite and the model fit of

6(a) Langmuir, (b) Freundlich, (c) Sips and (d) Toth.

and organo-bentonite, which belong to montmorillonite clay has a lattice with thermal expansion coefficient so that any temperature increases in the system will promote the sorption capacity [18,20]. 3.3.

30 Adsorption isotherms The adsorption equilibrium data of Pb(II) ions onto natural and

organo-bentonite were correlated using several isotherm models (Langmuir, Freundlich, Sips and Toth) along with their temperature dependence forms. The Langmuir equation is a well-known isotherm model describing the monolayer adsorption on the homogeneous surface. In this model, the adsorbate can only occupy one site. The mathematical expression of Langmuir model is given as follow: $q_e = \frac{q_m K_L C_e}{1 + K_L C_e}$ where q_e is the amount of solute adsorbed onto the adsorbent at equilibrium condition (mmol/g). The equilibrium concentration is symbolized by C_e (mmol/L) while q_m denotes the

1 maximum adsorption capacity of the adsorbent, related to the monolayer coverage at solid surface (mmol/g).

The KL parameter is called as the adsorption affinity or Langmuir equilibrium constant (L/mmol). The temperature dependence forms of

1 Langmuir model can be expressed as follows

[21,22]: $q_m \approx q_0 \exp\left(\frac{d}{RT}\right)$; $\frac{q}{K_L} \approx \frac{q_0}{K_L} \exp\left(\frac{Q}{RT}\right)$ Here q_0 is the adsorption capacity (mmol/g) of adsorbent at a reference temperature T_0 (taken as 298.15 K). The constant parameter relates to the expansion coefficient of the adsorbate is symbolized by d . The adsorption affinity at reference temperature T_0 is E . Nathaniel

3et al. / *Desalination and Water Treatment* 36 (2011) 280–288 Fig. 3.

Adsorption equilibrium data of Pb(II) onto organo-bentonite and the model fit of

6(a) Langmuir, (b) Freundlich, (c) Sips and (d) Toth.

symbolized by K_L ,

23 R is the gas constant (8.314 J/ mol.K) and Q is the heat of adsorption (kJ/mol). The Freundlich equation is

also one of the most popular two-parameter isotherm models

29 describing the adsorption behaviour in heterogeneous systems. The mathematical expression of

Freundlich model is given as follows: $q_m \approx K_F C^{1/n}$; $\frac{q}{K_L} \approx \frac{q_0}{K_L} \exp\left(\frac{Q}{RT}\right)$ where $1/n$ and K_F are Freundlich parameter characterizing the heterogeneity factor and adsorption intensity [(mmol/g) (mmol/L) $^{1/n}$], also called as adsorption capacity when the value of n approaches infinite [23]. The temperature dependence forms of Freundlich model can be expressed below [21]: $q_m \approx K_F T^{-n} A_0$; $\frac{q}{K_L} \approx \frac{q_0}{K_L} \exp\left(\frac{A_0}{RT}\right)$ Here K_F is the adsorption capacity at reference temperature T_0 [(mmol/g) (mmol/L) $^{1/n}$], a is a constant parameter and A_0 is the characteristic of adsorption potential (kJ/mol). The Sips equation, which also known as Langmuir-Freundlich equation is a three-parameter models describing the adsorption phenomena in heterogeneous system. The Sips model has the following form [21]: $q = \frac{q_m K_S C^n}{1 + K_S C^n}$; $\frac{q}{K_L} \approx \frac{q_0}{K_L} \exp\left(\frac{Q}{RT}\right)$ The temperature dependence forms of Sips model are expressed as follow: $K_S \approx K_{S0} \exp\left(\frac{Q}{RT}\right)$; $\frac{q}{K_L} \approx \frac{q_0}{K_L} \exp\left(\frac{Q}{RT}\right)$ The temperature dependence form of adsorption capacity parameter (q_m) is expressed in Eq. (3). The parameter K_{S0} is the adsorption affinity at T_0 (L/mmol), n_0 is the value of n at T_0 and Z is a constant parameter. The Toth equation, which is generally used for describing adsorption system in heterogeneous system with sub-monolayer coverage, has the following form [21]: E. Nathaniel

17et al. / *Desalination and Water Treatment* 36 (2011) 280–288 Table 2 The

fitted temperature dependent parameters of several isotherm models Natural Isotherm Parameters bentonite Organo-bentonite Langmuir q_0 (mmol/g) 0.047 0.193 K_L (L/mmol) 1.23 10.4 1.45 10.5 Q (Kj/mol) 27.71 33.49 (1/K) 0.0017 0.0189 Freundlich K_F 0.0034 0.0081 a/A_0 1.065 1.295 A_0 0.318 0.413 Sips Q_0 (mmol/g) 0.047 0.204 K_S (L/mmol) 8.574 9.528 Q (kJ/mol) 13.57 19.37 (1/K) 0.0096 0.0011 n_S 1.044 1.117 H 4.868 5.720 Toth q_0 (mmol/g) 0.049 0.207 K_T (L/mmol) 8.66 11.39 Q (kJ/mol) 29.14 38.92 (1/K) 0.0079 0.0082 n_T 0.874 0.773 H 8.453 10.771 q_e q_m C_e K_T δ $1/p$ $\delta K_T C_e p n_T p = n_T$: δ $11/p$ Here K_T and n_T are Toth parameters which are specific for adsorbate–adsorbent pairs. The heterogeneity factor is given by parameter $1/n_T$ and if the value of this parameter is unity, Eq. (11) reduces to Langmuir equation. At very low concentrations, Toth equation also reduces to Henry's law. The mathematical expression of Toth temperature dependence parameters are given below: $K_T \frac{1}{4} K_{T0} \exp \frac{Q}{RT_0} n_T \frac{1}{4} n_{T0} p Z \frac{1}{T_0} T \frac{1}{T}$; δ $12/p$ T_0 T ; δ $13/p$ where K_{T0} is the adsorption affinity at T_0 , n_{T0} is the parameter n_T at T_0 and Z is a constant parameter. The temperature dependence parameters of the Langmuir, Freundlich, Sips and Toth model were obtained by non-linear least square fit method. The following error function

4 was used as objective function to be minimized:

$SSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (q_{e,exp} - q_{e,cal})^2$ Here $q_{e,exp}$ is the actual amount of Pb(II) ions adsorbed, $q_{e,cal}$ is the calculated amount of Pb(II) adsorbed and N is the number of experimental data. The adsorption equilibrium data of Pb(II) and the fitting of models are depicted in Figs. 2 and 3. The calculated temperature dependence parameters of the Langmuir, Freundlich, Sips and Toth models are listed in Table 2. It is obvious that Freundlich model fails to represent the equilibrium data of Pb(II) onto natural and organo-bentonite (Figs. 2 and 3). Other models seem can still

10 correlate the experimental data fairly well. However, **the** judgement of

the validity of the model to represent the experimental data should not based on the graphical representation only and R^2 value but the most important thing should based on the physical meaning of the parameters. Subsequently, we discuss the physical meaning of each isotherm parameter in Langmuir, Sips and Toth model. We excluded the Freundlich model in further discussion since this equation failed to represent the experimental data. First, we begin our examination in the adsorption capacity parameter (q_0) at T_0 (298.15 K). The values of parameter q_0 in Langmuir, Sips and Toth are reasonable and comparable to the values reported by other studies [10–12,16,24,25]. Based on the experimental data, it is obvious that organo-bentonite had higher adsorption capacity than the natural one. At an acid pH (5.0), the silanol groups of bentonite were protonated due the presence of excess H^+ ions in the solution: $Si-OH + H^+ \rightarrow Si-OH_2^+$ The electrostatic repulsion force between protonated silanol groups with Pb(II) ions occurred and it retarded the sorption process. The sorption process of Pb(II) occurred due to the physical interaction such as Van der Waals between the surface of bentonite and Pb(II) ions. In organo-bentonite, the presence of linear alkyl benzene sulfonate ions in the bentonite interlayer caused the formation of negative charge in the adsorbent surface. Accordingly, electrostatic interactions between the negatively charged organo-bentonite and Pb(II) cations was taken place which enhanced the sorption capacity. The values of parameter q_0 in the Langmuir, Sips and Toth model are consistent with these adsorption phenomena. The adsorbate–adsorbent interaction strength in adsorption can be represented by affinity parameter. When the value of this parameter is high, the surface E . Nathaniel

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280–288 is covered with more solute molecules as a result of stronger affinity towards the solid surface. Since the adsorption mechanism of Pb(II) ions onto organo-bentonite also involved electrostatic interaction hence the adsorbate molecules has stronger affinity towards the solid surface. The fitting results of adsorption affinity parameter of Toth (KT0) and Sips (KS0) model are consistent with experimental data. However, the KLO parameter in the Langmuir model gives contrary results, the affinity of Pb(II) ions toward natural bentonite surface is higher than modified-bentonite. Additionally, the value of KLO of both natural and organo-bentonite are considerably low compared with other values in most adsorption systems. Accordingly, in the subsequent discussion, we only discuss the validity of the temperature dependence form of Sips and Toth model. The

2heat of adsorption provides important insights in the mechanism of adsorption. It is also a crucial thermodynamic properties for the design of adsorption

system

2to estimate the heat released (or consumed) during adsorption or desorption process. The values of the heat of adsorption (Q) can be determined either by varying the temperatures during adsorption process or by direct calorimetric measurements [26]. The

parameter Q in Sips and Toth model

6is only the measure of the adsorption heat

[21]. As mentioned in previous paragraph, electrostatic interactions also occurred during the adsorption of Pb(II) ions onto organo-bentonite thus higher value of the adsorption heat is expected. The fitting results of Q parameter in Sips and Toth model is in agreement, in which the heat of adsorption of Pb(II) onto organo-bentonite is higher than natural one. The temperature coefficient of the expansion of adsorbate is represented by d , in which this parameter essentially independent of the type of adsorbent and the value is usually in the order of 10^{-3} K^{-1} . The results in Table 2 show that the fitting value of d parameter in Toth and Sips model is consistent with the d values of many solutes [22]. The last examination was carried out in the parameter characterizing the system heterogeneity. This parameter is symbolized by n_{T0} in Toth and n_{S0} in Sips model. The value of this parameter

9is usually greater than unity, the larger value of n indicates the more heterogeneous is

the system. The presence of LAS molecules in the bentonite interlayer caused the adsorbent more heterogeneous thus higher value of n is expected in the adsorption system using organo-bentonite. In Table 2, it can be seen that the fitting values of nS_0 parameter in Sips model is consistent while Toth model fails to give the correct value of nT_0 parameter. Based on the analysis of the physical meaning of each isotherm parameters above, it is obvious that the adsorption equilibrium data of Pb(II) fitted best with the Sips model.

3.4. Adsorption kinetics The kinetics data provide fundamental and complete description of the transport mechanisms of adsorbate into adsorbent.

9In order to achieve the proper design of the sorption system, the adsorption equilibrium data need to be supported with adsorption kinetics. Several kinetic models

are available, among them the pseudo-first-order and pseudo-second-order model are widely used to correlate experimental data [27]. Since the natural bentonite had lower adsorption capacity than the modified one, in this section, the kinetic study was only conducted for organo-bentonite. The

11earliest known equation to describe the sorption rate in the liquid phase was proposed by Lagergren

[28] and known as Lagergren

24pseudo-first-order equation. The expression of this equation in terms of pseudo-first order

was employed by Sharma Fig. 4. The kinetic

33plots of (a) pseudo-first order and (b) pseudo-second order model for the adsorption of Pb(II) onto

organo-bentonite. E. Nathaniel

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The fitted

30kinetic parameters for the adsorption of Pb(II) onto organo-bentonite

18 **Pseudo-first order Pseudo-second order** $T (K)$ q_e , $exp q_e$, $cal (mmol/g)$ k'
(min⁻¹) R² $q_e, cal (mmol/g)$ $k_s (g/mmol min)$ R²

313.15 0.2421 323.15 0.2532 333.15 0.2642 0.1801 0.0357 0.2091 0.0310 0.2238 0.0316 0.9716 0.2402
 0.9599 0.2706 0.9568 0.2824 0.1097 0.9972 0.1153 0.9971 0.1293 0.9985

11 **et al. [29] to correlate the sorption kinetic data of Ni(II) ions into wollastonite.**

The Lagergren pseudo-first order has mathematic expression as follows: $q_e - q_t = k_1 t^{1/2}$ where q_e and q_t

28 **are the amount of Pb (II) ions adsorbed at equilibrium condition and at time t (min), respectively.** The k'

7 **(min⁻¹) parameter is the rate constant for pseudo-first order. The pseudo-second-order model is commonly associated with the situation when the rate of direct adsorption /desorption process controls the overall sorption kinetics**

[30]. The first mathematical expression of the pseudo-second-order model was proposed by Blanchard et al. [31], which has the form as follows: $q_t = k_s q_e^2 t / (k_s t + q_e)$ where $k_s (g mmol^{-1} min^{-1})$ is the rate constant for pseudo-second-order model. The kinetic data and the model fitted are given in Fig. 4. The fitted parameters of the kinetic models are summarized in Table 3. By comparing the fitting results of pseudo-first and pseudo-second-order parameter, both of them seem to give well correlation. However, the calculated values of q_e from pseudo-first order deviate quite large from experimental data while pseudo-second order gave reasonable values. The potential advantages of the pseudo-second-order model as an expression to estimate the q_e value

16 **is its small sensitivity for the influence of the random experimental error.**
 Moreover, **the**

q_e value can also be determined from the

16 **plot independently of the kinetic mechanism which controls the sorption process**

[30,32]. 4. Conclusions Organo-bentonite synthesized from Pacitan bentonite using LAS as modifying agent has potential application for Pb(II) ions removal. The characterizations of materials were conducted

using FTIR and XRD techniques. The temperature dependent form of several adsorption isotherm equations

5(Langmuir, Freundlich, Sips and Toth) was employed to correlate the equilibrium data.

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