PREPARATION, CHARACTERIZATION, PROPERTIES AND DEGRADATION BEHAVIOUR OF PEANUT SHELL POWDER/ RECYCLED POLYPROPYLENE COMPOSITES

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ASTM American Society for Testing and Materials

CEN European Committee for Standardization

CI Carbonyl Index

DSC Differential Scanning Calorimetry

DTG Derivative Thermogravimeric

EB Electron Beam

FESEM Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy

FTIR Fourier Transform Infra Red

HDPE High Density Polyethylene

LDPE Low Density Polyethylene

LLDPE Linear Low Density Polyethylene

MSW Municipal Solid Waste

NaOH Sodium Hydroxide

PE Polyethylene

PEAA Polyethylene-co-Acrylic Acid

PET Polyethylene Terephthalate

PLA Poly (lactic acid)

PMMA Poly(methyl methacrylate)

PP Polypropylene

PS Polystyrene

PSP Peanut Shell Powder

PVC Poly(vinyl chloride)

PVOH Poly(vinyl alcohol)

RPP Recycled Polypropylene

SEM Scanning Electron Microscopy

TG Thermogravimeric

TGA Thermogravimetric Analysis

UV Ultraviolet

WA Water Absorption

XRD X-ray Diffraction

LIST OF SYMBOLS

% Percentage

 ΔH_f Heat of fusion

 ΔH_{m} Melt enthalpy

°C Degree Celsius

°C/min Degree Celsius per minute

cm Centimetre

g Gram

g/cm³ Gram per centimeter cubic

GPa GigaPascal

m²/g Meter square per gram

min Minute

mm Millimeter

mm/min Millimeter per minute

MPa MegaPascal

mW miliWatt

nm Nanometer

phr Parts per hundred

rpm Revolutions per minute

s Second

T Temperature

T_c Crystallization temperature

T_d Decomposition temperature

T_g Glass transition temperature

 $T_{m} \hspace{1cm} \text{Melting temperature} \\$

w/w Weight to weight ratio

wt.% Weight percent

X_c Degree of crystallinity