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## **Supplementary Information**

A Cascade of Denitrification Bioreactor and Aerobic Biofilm Reactor for

Heavy Oil Refinery Wastewater Treatment

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**Fig. S1** The full process flow about the technological processes of Liaohe Petrochemical Branch Company include CAST and secondary DAF effluent.



Fig. S2 A schematic flow of the whole experimental steps.



**Fig. S3** Operational performance of bioreactors: the variations in COD (a), nitrate nitrogen (b), total nitrogen (c), ammonium nitrogen (d), and nitrite nitrogen concentration (e) under HRT of 25h without adding carbon at the start phrase of laboratory-scale experiment.

Parameter	Concentration (mg/L)
COD	875.6±5.6
BOD <sub>5</sub>	306.4±3.1
Oil	85.1±0.6
TN	42.5±0.2
NH <sub>3</sub> -N	37.2±0.2
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> -N	$0.801 \pm 002$
Sulfide	3.3±0.01
Volatile phenol	24.1±0.21
SS	$86.2 \pm 0.4$
pH	$8.22 \pm 0.05$

Table S1 the original wastewater characterization