## **Electronic Supporting Information**

Cu/SAPO-34 prepared by a facile ball milling method for enhanced catalytic performance in selective catalytic reduction of  $NO_x$  with  $NH_3$ 

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**Fig. S1.** NO conversion as a function of temperature over Cu/SAPO-34-B catalysts with different Cu loadings. Reaction conditions:  $[NO] = [NH_3] = 500$  ppm,  $[O_2] = 5\%$ , N<sub>2</sub> balance, total flow rate 200 mL min<sup>-1</sup> and GHSV = 200 000 h<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S2. NH<sub>3</sub>-SCR lifetime tests of Cu/SAPO-34-M and Cu/SAPO-34-B at 400 and 350 °C, respectively. Reaction conditions:  $[NO] = [NH_3] = 500$  ppm,  $[O_2] = 5\%$ , N<sub>2</sub> balance, total flow rate 200 mL min<sup>-1</sup> and GHSV = 200 000 h<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S3. (a) NO conversion as a function of temperature over Cu/SAPO-34-B catalyst in the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O and SO<sub>2</sub>. (b) NO conversion as a function of temperature over Cu/SAPO-34-B catalyst after hydrothermal treatments at high and low temperature. Reaction conditions:  $[NO] = [NH_3] = 500$  ppm,  $[O_2] = 5\%$ ,  $[H_2O] = 5\%$  (when used),  $[SO_2]$ = 100 ppm (when used), N<sub>2</sub> balance, total flow rate 200 mL min<sup>-1</sup> and GHSV = 200 000 h<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S4.** Consumption of  $NH_4^+$  ions and coordinated  $NH_3$  at 150 °C upon passing  $NO+O_2$  over Cu/SAPO-34-M (a<sub>1</sub>) and Cu/SAPO-34-B (a<sub>2</sub>) with preadsorbed  $NH_3$ . Consumption of the adsorbed  $NO_x$  species at 150 °C upon passing  $NH_3$  over Cu/SAPO-34-M (b<sub>1</sub>) and Cu/SAPO-34-B (b<sub>2</sub>) with preadsorbed  $NO+O_2$ .



Fig. S5. NO conversion as a function of temperature over Cu/SAPO-34-M and Cu/SAPO-34-B samples before calcination. Reaction conditions:  $[NO] = [NH_3] = 500$  ppm,  $[O_2] = 5\%$ , N<sub>2</sub> balance, total flow rate 200 mL min<sup>-1</sup> and GHSV = 200 000 h<sup>-1</sup>.