## **Supplementary Information**

## Efficient Leaching Process of Rare Earth, Alkali and Alkaline Earth Metals from

Phosphogypsum based on Methanesulfonic Acid (MSA) as Green & Eco-friendly Lixiviant

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