ABSTRACT

CHARACTERISTIC OF Na₂O FROM Na₂CO₃ PRODUCED FROM COCONUT SHELL COMBUSTION

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This research was carried out to study the production of Na_2CO_3 from CO_2 released from coconut shell combustion and NaOH solution with the concentration of 11 and 12 M, and conversion of Na_2CO_3 into Na_2O . The conversion was investigated by subjecting the sample to sintering treatment at 800, 825, and 850°C. Characteritation of the sample using FTIR confirmed the production of Na_2CO_3 . The XRD results indicated that complete transformation of Na_2CO_3 was achieved at 850°C. As revealed by SEM, the surface morphology of the sample is characterized by the existence of particle with different sizes and shapes. DSC/TGA analysis showed a melting point of Na_2CO_3 be Na_2O_3 occurs at 845.30°C, and melting point Na_2O at 1119,98°C.

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