## **Supporting Information**

## Deactivation study of K promoted Ru/carbon catalyst for ammonia synthesis

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Fig. S1 CO-TPR profiles of carbon (G), and carbon doped with different K precursors (KNO<sub>3</sub>-G, KOH-G and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>-G)



Fig. S2 The mass spectrum with m/z =16 for G, Ru/G and  $K_{OH}$ -Ru/G obtained from CO-TPR study.



Fig. S3 CO-TPR profiles for K\_{OH}-Ru/G. Rehydration by hydrogen reduction the sample at 500  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ 

between consecutive cycles.



Fig. S4 CO-TPR profiles for unpromoted Ru/G and K-promoted Ru/G catalysts.



Fig. S5 Ar-TPD profiles of commercial carbon.



Fig. S6 H<sub>2</sub>-TPR profiles of carbon and K-doped carbon materials with hydrogen reduction (a)  $CH_4$  (m/z=15), (b) CO (m/z=28) and (c)  $CO_2$  (m/z=44).



Fig. S7 H<sub>2</sub>-TPR profiles of K-promoted Ru/G catalysts without hydrogen treatment.



Fig. S8 The mass spectrum with m/z =18 of  $K_{OH}$ -Ru/G,  $K_C$ -Ru/G and  $K_N$ -Ru/G obtained from CO-TPR study.



Fig. S9  $H_2$  pulse chemisorption results at 400 °C over blank sample

	Sample			
Pulse number	Blank	Fresh	K <sub>OH</sub> -Ru/G treated at	K <sub>OH</sub> -Ru/G treated at
	sample	K <sub>OH</sub> -Ru/G	400 °C for 20 h	500 °C for 20 h
1	3.50E-09	1.50E-09	1.69E-09	1.06E-09
2	2.80E-09	1.74E-09	2.33E-09	3.00E-09
3	2.83E-09	2.03E-09	1.85E-09	1.86E-09
4	2.84E-09	6.08E-09	3.13E-09	1.82E-09
5	2.86E-09	3.17E-09	5.28E-09	1.88E-09
6	2.87E-09	2.32E-09	4.08E-09	1.92E-09
7	3.52E-09	6.71E-09	5.55E-09	3.91E-09
8	2.91E-09	4.12E-09	3.58E-09	3.01E-09
9	3.85E-09	2.19E-09	5.56E-09	2.36E-09
10	2.90E-09	6.03E-09	3.15E-09	1.75E-09
Average area	3.09E-09	3.59E-09	3.62E-09	2.26E-09

Table S1 The peak areas of hydrogen obtained from mass spectroscopy during  $H_2$  pulse