## Supporting Information

## Lipophilic $M(\alpha, \alpha'-OC_5H_{11})_8$ Phthalocyanines (M = H<sub>2</sub> and Ni(II)): Synthesis, Electronic Structure, and its Utility for Applications on Highly Efficient Carbonyl Reduction

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectra of H<sub>2</sub>-Pc 2 (up) and Ni(II)Pc 3a (bottom) in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

**Table S1.** TD-DFT spectra of the B3LYP optimized geometries of **2** and **3a** calculated with the CAM-B3LYP functional and 6-31G(d) basis sets.

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Band <sup>a</sup>	# <sup>b</sup>	Calc <sup>c</sup>			Exp <sup>d</sup>		Wavefunction= <sup>e</sup>
	1						Ground state
Q	2	14.9	669	(0.60)	12.9	778	95% a → -s; 4% s → -a;
Q	3	15.4	651	(0.46)	13.7	730	89% a $\rightarrow$ -a; 10% s $\rightarrow$ -s;

B1	8	26.6	376	(0.26)	23.4	428	50% H23 (1b <sub>1u</sub> ) $\rightarrow$ -s; 17% s $\rightarrow$ -a;
<b>D</b> 1	10	20.4	240	(0.02)	247	405	68% HD3 (1b <sub>1u</sub> ) $\rightarrow$ -s; 13% HD2 (1e <sub>g</sub> )
DI	15	29.4	540	(0.02)	24.7	405	→ -a;
D <b>2</b>	21	22 E	200	(0.26)	20.0	334	40% s → -a; 27% H⊡5 (2a <sub>1u</sub> ) → -s; 19%
ΒZ	21	55.5	299	(0.20)	29.9		$H \textcircled{B} 6^{N} (\mathbf{1b}_{2g}^{N}) \rightarrow -s;$
							19% H⊡16 → -s; 16% H⊡5 (2a <sub>1u</sub> ) → -a;
B2	23	34.5	290	(0.15)	32.7	306	13% H⊡8 (2a <sub>2u</sub> ) → -s;
							10% H⊡6 <sup>N</sup> (1b <sub>2g</sub> <sup>N</sup> ) → -s; 8% s → -s;
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3a							
<b>3a</b> Band <sup>a</sup>	# <sup>b</sup>	Calc <sup>c</sup>			Exp <sup>d</sup>		Wavefunction= <sup>e</sup>
3a Band <sup>a</sup>	# <sup>b</sup>	Calc <sup>c</sup>			Exp <sup>d</sup>		Wavefunction= <sup>e</sup> Ground state
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3a Band <sup>a</sup>  Q Q	# <sup>b</sup> 1 2 3	Calc <sup>c</sup>  14.8 15.3	 675 654	 (0.51) (0.47)	Exp <sup>d</sup>  13.3 13.7	 754 731	Wavefunction= <sup>e</sup> Ground state 95% a $\rightarrow$ -s; 3% s $\rightarrow$ -a; 95% a $\rightarrow$ -a; 4% s $\rightarrow$ -s;
3a Band <sup>a</sup>  Q Q	# <sup>b</sup> 1 2 3	Calc <sup>c</sup>  14.8 15.3	 675 654	 (0.51) (0.47)	Exp <sup>d</sup>  13.3 13.7	 754 731	Wavefunction= <sup>e</sup> Ground state 95% a $\rightarrow$ -s; 3% s $\rightarrow$ -a; 95% a $\rightarrow$ -a; 4% s $\rightarrow$ -s; 25% s $\rightarrow$ -s; 16% $d_{z2} \rightarrow$ -s; 12% HDS
3a Band <sup>a</sup>  Q Q B1	# <sup>b</sup> 1 2 3 23	Calc <sup>c</sup>  14.8 15.3 31.7	 675 654 315	 (0.51) (0.47) (0.24)	Exp <sup>d</sup>  13.3 13.7 29.7	 754 731 337	Wavefunction= <sup>e</sup> Ground state 95% $a \rightarrow -s$ ; $3\% s \rightarrow -a$ ; 95% $a \rightarrow -a$ ; $4\% s \rightarrow -s$ ; 25% $s \rightarrow -s$ ; $16\% d_{z2} \rightarrow -s$ ; $12\%$ H25 $(2e_g) \rightarrow -a$ ;
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a – Band assignment described in the text. b – The number of the state assigned in terms of ascending energy within the TD-DFT calculation. c – Calculated band energies ( $10^3$ .cm<sup>-1</sup>), wavelengths (nm) and oscillator strengths in parentheses (f). d – Observed energies ( $10^3$ .cm<sup>-1</sup>) and wavelengths (nm) in **Figure 1**. e – The wave functions based on the eigenvectors predicted by TD-DFT. One-electron transitions associated with Michl's perimeter model are highlighted in bold. H and L refer to the HOMO and LUMO, respectively, while N refers to  $\square$ -MOs associated primarily with the lone pairs of the aza-nitrogens, and A and B refer to the  $\square$ - and  $\square$ -spin electrons. When the H and L nomenclature is used the symmetry label for the corresponding MO in the  $\pi$ -systems of  $D_{4h}$  MPc complexes is provided in parentheses where applicable.