## **Supporting Information**

Adsorptive desulfurization of dibenzothiophene over ligninderived biochar by one-step modification of potassium hydrogen phthalate

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Dissolved samples	pH values of solution <sup>a</sup>		
0.5g Lignin	8.8		
0.5g KHP	4.3		
0.5g Lignin + 0.5g KHP	6.4		
0.5g Lignin + 1.0g KHP	5.2		
0.5g Lignin + 1.5g KHP	4.9		

Table S1 The pH values of dissolved samples in aqueous solutions

<sup>a</sup> The measurement tests are carried out at ambient temperature.



Fig.S1 The TEM images of (a) KHP-char (b) lignin-char (c) KHP-activated char with mass ratio of 1:1

Char samples	Char yield <sup>a</sup>	ADS samples	Desulfurization rate <sup>b</sup>	
15g Lignin	56.8wt%	0.1g pure lignin-char + 10ml DBT	44.7%	
15g KHP	11.4wt%	0.1g KHP-char + 10ml DBT	9.2%	
15g Lignin	15g Lignin 0.1g activated lignin-char + 10m		02 50/	
+ 15g KHP	35.1wt%	DBT	92.5%	

Table S2 The char yield and desulfurization rate of the main component

<sup>a</sup> Preparation condition: T=800°C, t=1h.

<sup>b</sup> ADS condition: T=30°C, t=4h.

Reused times	1 <sup>st</sup> biochar	2 <sup>nd</sup> biochar	3 <sup>rd</sup> biochar	4 <sup>th</sup> biochar	5 <sup>th</sup> biochar
Surface acidity (mmol·g <sup>-1</sup> )	1.0667	0.9824	0.9749	0.9702	0.9689

Table S3 Content of acid functional groups on the surface of regenerated biochar