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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### Catalytic oxidation of diorganosilanes to 1,1,3,3-tetraorganodisiloxanes with

#### gold nanoparticle assembly at water-chloroform interface

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Fig. S1. Photograph of self-assembly of AuNPs (in PIC-1) stabilized at water-chloroform interface



Fig. S2. X-Ray Photoelectron spectrum of AuNPs.



Fig. S3. FESEM and HRTEM micrographs of AuNPs in PIC-1.



Fig. S4. UV-Vis spectrum of AuNPs in PIC-1.



Fig. S5. GC-MS spectrum of (HMePhSi)<sub>2</sub>O (1): m/z = 258,  $t_R = 15.0$  min and MePhSi(OSiMePhH)<sub>2</sub>: m/z = 394,  $t_R = 26.9$  min.



Fig. S6. Kinetic plots for hydrolytic oxidation of MePhSiH<sub>2</sub> at 25 and 80  $^{\circ}$ C, values in parenthesis represent standard deviation.



Fig. S7. HRTEM image of AuNPs after fourth cycle of hydrolytic oxidation of methylphenylsilane at 80 °C.



Fig. S8. GC-MS spectrum of  $\{HMe(n-Hex)Si\}_2O$ , 2.

# Table S1. Summary of crystallographic data for $(HPh_2Si)_2O$ , (7).

| Empirical formula                     | $C_{24}H_{22}O_1Si_2$                       |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Formula weight                        | 382.60                                      |
| Temperature (K)                       | 298(2)                                      |
| Wavelength (Å)                        | 0.71073                                     |
| Crystal system                        | Monoclinic                                  |
| Space group                           | P 2 <sub>1</sub> /n                         |
| a, Å                                  | 12.567(7)                                   |
| b, Å                                  | 6.088(4)                                    |
| c, Å                                  | 14.018(8)                                   |
| α, deg                                | 90  |
| β, deg                                | 95.794(16)                                  |
| γ, deg                                | 90  |
| Volume, Å <sup>3</sup>                | 1067.0(11)                                  |
| Ζ                                     | 2   |
| $\rho$ calcd. (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )    | 1.191                                       |
| μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )                 | 0.177                                       |
| F(000)                                | 404   |
| Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )       | 0.43 x 0.33 x 0.22                          |
| Theta range for data collection (deg) | 2.075 to 25.992                             |
| Index range                           | -15<=h<=13, -7<=k<=7, -17<=l<=17            |
| Reflections collected                 | 15339                                       |
| Independent reflections               | 2107  |
| Absorption correction                 | Semi-empirical from equivalents             |
| Max. and min. transmission            | 0.768 and 0.626                             |
| R(int)                                | 0.0460                                      |
| Refinement method                     | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup> |
| Data / restraints / parameters        | 2107 / 8 / 202                              |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>     | 1.050                                       |
| Final R indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$    | R1 = 0.0429, wR2 = 0.1200                   |
| R indices (all data)                  | R1 = 0.0749, wR2 = 0.1428                   |
| Largest diff. peak and hole (e.Å-3)   | 0.146 and -0.183 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>          |
| CCDC number                           | 1871681                                     |

| <b>Table S2.</b> Selected bond distances | (Å | ) and bond angles | (° | ) for ( | (HPh <sub>2</sub> Si | ) <sub>2</sub> O, | (7 | ). |
|--|----|-------------------|----|---------|----------------------|-------------------|----|----|
|--|----|-------------------|----|---------|----------------------|-------------------|----|----|

| C(1A)-Si(1A)       | 1.857(5) |
|--------------------|----------|
| C(1B)-Si(1B)       | 1.860(5) |
| C(7A)-Si(1A)       | 1.866(5) |
| C(7B)-Si(1B)       | 1.870(5) |
| O(1)-Si(1A)        | 1.615(4) |
| O(1)-Si(1B)        | 1.604(5) |
| Si(1A)-H(1A)       | 1.45(3)  |
|                    |          |
| Si(1A)-O(1)-Si(1B) | 162.2(4) |
| O(1)-Si(1A)-C(1A)  | 110.1(5) |
| O(1)-Si(1A)-C(7A)  | 109.9(4) |
| O(1)-Si(1B)-C(1B)  | 108.7(5) |
| O(1)-Si(1B)-C(7B)  | 108.4(4) |
| C(1A)-Si(1A)-C(7A) | 103.9(6) |
| C(1B)-Si(1B)-H(7B) | 118.6(6) |
|                    |          |



**Fig. S9** ORTEP view of molecular structure (with 30 % probability factor) of **7**. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): Si1A-O1 = 1.615(4), Si1B-O1 = 1.604(5), Si1A-O1-SiB = 162.2(4).