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## **Electronic Supporting Information**

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## Comprehensive investigations on the action of cationic terthiophene and bithiophene as

## corrosion inhibitors: Experimental and theoretical studies

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**Fig. S1.** WL-time curves for the dissolution of CS in 1.0 M HCl without and with various concentrations of MA-1191 (left) and MA-1190 (right) at 25°C.



**Fig. S2.** Arrhenius plots (log  $k_{corr}$  vs 1/T) for CS in 1.0 M HCl in absence and presence of concentration of (MA-1111, MA-1112).



**Fig. 3.** Transition state plots (log  $k_{corr}$  vs 1/T) for carbon steel in 1.0 M HCl in absence and presence of different concentration of (MA-1191, MA-1190).



Fig. 4. Nyquist plots for CS in 1.0 M HCl in without and with different concentrations of (MA-1191, MA-1190) at 25°C.



Fig. S5. Bode plots for CS in 1.0 M HCl in without and with different concentrations of (MA-1191, MA-1190) at 25°C.





**Fig. S6.** EFM spectra for corrosion of CS in 1.0 M HCl with out and with various concentrations of MA-1191 and MA-1190 at 25°C.



**Fig. S7.** Polarization curves for CS in 1.0 M HCl without and with various concentrations of (MA-1191, MA-1190) at 25°C.



Fig. S8. shows FT-IR spectra for free inhibitors and inhibitors with metal for (MA-1191, MA-1190) inhibitors.



MA-1111







Fig. 89. Mulliken atomic charges for the investigated inhibitors.