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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

| 2D                     | Two dimensional                                |
|------------------------|--|
| D                      | Diameter                                       |
| d                      | The spacing between diffraction lattice planes |
| EY                     | Elastic Modulus                                |
| Kic                    | Fracture toughness                             |
| L                      | Length   |
| МРа                    | mega pascal                                    |
| n                      | Positive integer                               |
| Rpm                    | Round per minute                               |
| λ                      | The wavelength of incident                     |
| $\pi$ – $\pi$ stacking | pi-pi bonding                                  |
| θ                      | The measured diffraction angle                 |

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| ASTM                                   | American Society for Testing and Materials  |
|--|---|
| CNT                                    | Carbon NanoTube   |
| CVD                                    | Chemical Vapour Deposition  |
| FESEM                                  | Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy   |
| GFNs                                   | Graphene Family Nanocomposites  |
| GO                                     | Graphene Oxide  |
| GPS                                    | Graphene Polystyrene Nanocomposite  |
| IUPAC                                  | International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry   |
| PAA                                    | Polyacrylic acid  |
| PAN                                    | Polyacrylonitrile   |
|  |   |
| PE                                     | Polyethylene  |
| PE<br>PMMA                             | Polyethylene<br>Polymethylmethacrylate  |
|  |   |
| PMMA                                   | Polymethylmethacrylate  |
| PMMA<br>PS                             | Polymethylmethacrylate<br>Polystyrene   |
| PMMA<br>PS<br>PVA                      | Polymethylmethacrylate<br>Polystyrene<br>Polyvinyl alcohol  |
| PMMA<br>PS<br>PVA<br>PVF               | Polymethylmethacrylate<br>Polystyrene<br>Polyvinyl alcohol<br>Polyvinyl fluoride  |
| PMMA<br>PS<br>PVA<br>PVF<br>rGO        | Polymethylmethacrylate<br>Polystyrene<br>Polyvinyl alcohol<br>Polyvinyl fluoride<br>Reduced Graphene Oxide                          |
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