













**Figure1:** Surface morphologies before (left) and after (right) corrosion test: pure AZ91 (a and b), AZ91-PEO 1 (c and d), AZ91- PEO 2 (e and f), AZ91- PEO 3 (g and h) and AZ91- PEO 4 (j and k).

**Figure 2** SEM images and EDS analysis of as-received AZ91 after corrosion test examined in aerated 0.5M sodium chloride at 298 K.

**Figure 3** Cross-section images of samples with different PEO coatings parameters.

**Figure 4:** XRD patterns for as-received AZ91 and different PEO coated samples.

**Figure 5:** Full spectrum of XRD patterns obtained from as-received AZ91 and PEO coated samples after electrochemical corrosion test examined in aerated 0.5M sodium chloride at 298 K (a), selected region from 26-40 2 $\theta^\circ$  to show the missing peak.

**Figure 6:** Open circuit potential versus time in the sodium chloride solution [0.5 M].

**Figure 7:** Nyquist plots of PEO coatings performance examined in 0.5 M of sodium chloride. The inset is the zoom-in impedance of the as-received AZ91.

**Figure 8** Bode plots (a) log |Z| vs. log (freq/Hz), and (b) phase angle vs. log (freq/Hz) of AZ91 and PEO coatings performance examined in 0.5 M of sodium chloride.

**Figure 9:** The equivalent circuits model for, a: as-received AZ91, b: PEO coated alloys.

**Figure 10:** Potentiodynamic polarization curves of PEO coated samples carried out in 0.5 M sodium chloride.

**Figure 11:** Cyclic potentiodynamic polarization curves of coated AZ91 alloys in 0.5 M of NaCl solution.