

|       |               | H           | C           | N           | SOM         | O           |
|-------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| "H"   | Pearson Corr. | 1           | 0,99543     | 0,98074     | 0,99379     | 0,97233     |
|       | p-value       | --          | 4,13668E-30 | 2,09877E-21 | 3,0161E-28  | 3,18251E-19 |
| "C"   | Pearson Corr. | 0,99543     | 1           | 0,98038     | 0,99584     | 0,97193     |
|       | p-value       | 4,13668E-30 | --          | 2,71309E-21 | 1,10894E-30 | 3,88394E-19 |
| "N"   | Pearson Corr. | 0,98074     | 0,98038     | 1           | 0,97355     | 0,94261     |
|       | p-value       | 2,09877E-21 | 2,71309E-21 | --          | 1,71198E-19 | 7,24159E-15 |
| "SOM" | Pearson Corr. | 0,99379     | 0,99584     | 0,97355     | 1           | 0,98924     |
|       | p-value       | 3,0161E-28  | 1,10894E-30 | 1,71198E-19 | --          | 6,36384E-25 |
| "O"   | Pearson Corr. | 0,97233     | 0,97193     | 0,94261     | 0,98924     | 1           |
|       | p-value       | 3,18251E-19 | 3,88394E-19 | 7,24159E-15 | 6,36384E-25 | --          |

**2-tailed test of significance is used**

Table S1 : Pearson ´s correlation results with the elemental composition of the samples and the soil organic matter content (SOM).

|                                        |               | $\Delta_c G(\text{SOM})_{\text{P\&E}}$ | $\Delta_c G(\text{SOM})_{\text{S\&O}}$ | $\Delta_c G(\text{SOM})_{\text{DSC}}$ |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| $\Delta_c G(\text{SOM})_{\text{P\&E}}$ | Pearson Corr. | 1                                      | 0,99343*                               | 0,79001*                              |
|                                        | p-value       | --                                     | 6,5234E-28                             | 2,08558E-7                            |
| $\Delta_c G(\text{SOM})_{\text{S\&O}}$ | Pearson Corr. | 0,99343*                               | 1                                      | 0,83811*                              |
|                                        | p-value       | 6,5234E-28                             | --                                     | 7,50898E-9                            |
| $\Delta_c G(\text{SOM})_{\text{DSC}}$  | Pearson Corr. | 0,79001*                               | 0,83811*                               | 1                                     |
|                                        | p-value       | 2,08558E-7                             | 7,50898E-9                             | --                                    |

**2-tailed test of significance is used**

**\*: Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level**

Table S2: Correlation obtained among the three rows for the Gibbs energy values obtained by equation 9 with each of the enthalpies of combustion obtained by Pattel and Ericksson model and Sandler and Orbey model applied to  $E_{\text{formula}}$  and by the experimental value for the enthalpy of combustion given by TG-DSC with Sandler and Orbey correlation for the Gibbs energy.

| Samples     | $\Delta_c S^0_{\text{SOM}}$<br>(Battley ´ s model)<br>Path 1 | $\Delta_c S^0_{\text{SOM}}$<br>S&O model<br>Path 2 |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| AZT14LF     | 127,02                                                       | 19,35                                              |
| AZT 14 M0/5 | 166,79                                                       | 22,05                                              |
| AZT14M5/10  | 181,21                                                       | 19,86                                              |
| AZT15LF     | 97,02                                                        | 14,36                                              |
| AZT15M0/5   | 149,12                                                       | 19,39                                              |
| AZT15M5/10  | 178,41                                                       | 20,76                                              |
| AZT16LF     | 105,60                                                       | 15,56                                              |
| AZT16M0/5   | 130,77                                                       | 18,13                                              |
| AZT16M5/10  | 185,78                                                       | 22,19                                              |
| AZT22LF     | 104,86                                                       | 16,38                                              |
| AZT22M0/5   | 143,85                                                       | 21,49                                              |
| AZT22M5/10  | 211,86                                                       | 28,09                                              |
| ARAFACLF    | 102,93                                                       | 15,88                                              |
| ARAFACM0/5  | 109,51                                                       | 18,62                                              |
| ARAFACM5/10 | 142,09                                                       | 22,06                                              |
| ARALACLF    | 107,62                                                       | 17,51                                              |
| ARALACM0/5  | 140,96                                                       | 18,88                                              |
| ARALACM5/10 | 148,32                                                       | 18,09                                              |
| ARAFBCLF    | 90,97                                                        | 16,35                                              |
| ARAFBCM0/5  | 104,28                                                       | 19,42                                              |
| ARAFBCM5/10 | 102,15                                                       | 19,04                                              |
| LIZ19LF     | 103,44                                                       | 15,86                                              |
| LIZ19M0/5   | 163,40                                                       | 25,97                                              |
| LIZ19M5/10  | 195,42                                                       | 30,08                                              |
| LIZ17LF     | 102,50                                                       | 15,96                                              |
| LIZ17M0/5   | 199,50                                                       | 29,95                                              |
| LIZ17M05/10 | 223,99                                                       | 33,03                                              |
| LIZ18LF     | 102,18                                                       | 16,38                                              |
| LIZ18M0/5   | 152,62                                                       | 22,56                                              |
| LIZ18M5/10  | 179,45                                                       | 25,75                                              |

Table S3: Data for the entropy change of the combustion reaction of SOM obtained by path 1 and path 2. Values are significantly different but significantly correlated (Pearson ´ s correlation = 0.885 ,  $p < 0.0001$ ). The units are J/C-mol K.