

A3 Pyrites Roasting

Inputs		Amount	Unit	Comments
		SO ₂	8-10	%
O ₂	8-11	%		
CO ₂	0	%		
H ₂ O	0	%		
Outputs	Energy	~4,500	MJ.t ⁻¹ ***	net balance incl. roasting process
	Emissions into air			
	SO ₂ *	3.0	kg.t ⁻¹ ***	
	SO ₃ *	0.2	kg.t ⁻¹ ***	
	H ₂ SO ₄ *	n.a.	kg.t ⁻¹ ***	
	NO _x **	~210	mg.Nm ⁻³	
	CO ₂	0	%(vol)	
	Emissions into water			no emission into water
	Solid emissions	~40	g.t ⁻¹ ***	spent catalyst
	Conversion rate	99.4-99.6	%	
Emission with the final product			dependent of the analyses of the pyrites	
As	0.01	ppm	The figures are examples from one specific pyrite, see 2.1.2.1.	
Hg	0.03	ppm		
Se	0.05	ppm		
F	n.a.	ppm		
SO ₂	13	ppm		
NO _x	n.a.	ppm		
HCl	n.a.	ppm		
Organic carbon	0	ppm		

* : expressed as SO₂

** : expressed as NO₂

*** : in kg.t⁻¹ 100% sulphuric acid



A4 Zn, Pb Smelter Sulphuric Acid Plants

Inputs	single Abs.		double Abs.	
	% SO ₂	4 ~ 6		5 ~ 9
% O ₂	6 ~ 12		6 ~ 11	
% CO ₂	x		x	
% H ₂ O	x		x	
variability in time	low		low	
Energy MJ.t ⁻¹ .H ₂ SO ₄			~ 600	
Outputs	kg.t ⁻¹ H ₂ SO ₄		mg.NO _x .Nm ⁻³	
	Air emission at stack		kg.t ⁻¹ H ₂ SO ₄ mg.NO _x .Nm ⁻³	
SO ₂	7 ~ 12	x	1.7 ~ 3.3	x
SO ₃	0.1 ~ 0.2	x	0.05 ~ 0.08	x
NO _x		150		150
H ₂ SO ₄	0.05 ~ 0.1	x	0.05 ~ 0.08	x
Conversion	98 ~ 99%		99.5 ~ 99.7%	
SO ₂ /SO ₃				
H ₂ O emission	no contaminants		no contaminants	
Spent Catalyst	20 ~ 40g.t ⁻¹ .H ₂ SO ₄ to recycle in process		20 ~ 40g.t ⁻¹ .H ₂ SO ₄ to recycle in process	
H ₂ SO ₄				
Hg			max 1ppm	
As			max 0.5ppm	
Se			max 0.2ppm	
SO ₂			< 50ppm	
NO ₂			5~30ppm	
Org C			max 1ppm	
Energy steam in Roasting Process MJ.t ⁻¹ .H ₂ SO ₄			3,500	
(waste) heat in acid production:- MJ.t ⁻¹ .H ₂ SO ₄			1,000 ~ 2,000	
Net Balance (In-Out)			3,900 ~ 4,900	





A5 Complex (Pb, Cu) S Batch Treatment

Inputs	single Abs.		double Abs.		
	% SO ₂ % O ₂ % CO ₂ % H ₂ O variability in time Energy MJ.t ⁻¹ .H ₂ SO ₄	2.70% on dry 2.50% on dry 20.00% on dry 45% extremely 900			
Outputs	Air emission at stack	kg.t ⁻¹ H ₂ SO ₄	mg.NO ₂ .Nm ⁻³	kg.t ⁻¹ H ₂ SO ₄	mg.NO ₂ .Nm ⁻³
	SO ₂	6 ~ 10			x
	SO ₃	see H ₂ SO ₄			x
	NO ₂		100		
	H ₂ SO ₄	0.15			x
	Conversion SO ₂ /SO ₃	99.0-99.2%			
	H ₂ O emission	none			
	Spent Catalyst	20 ~ 40 g.t ⁻¹ .H ₂ SO ₄			
H ₂ SO ₄ Hg As Se SO ₂ NO ₂ Org C			<1ppm <0.2ppm <0.5ppm 90ppm 150ppm 40ppm		
Energy steam in Roasting Process MJ.t ⁻¹ .H ₂ SO ₄ (waste) heat in acid production:- MJ.t ⁻¹ .H ₂ SO ₄ Net Balance (In-Out)			depending on S-content 1,000 ~ 2,000 ~1,000-2,000		





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1. Production of Ammonia
2. Production of Nitric Acid
3. Production of Sulphuric Acid (in collaboration with ESA)
4. Production of Phosphoric Acid
5. Production of Urea and Urea-Ammonium Nitrate
6. Production of Ammonium Nitrate and Calcium Ammonium Nitrate
7. Production of NPK Compound Fertilizers by Nitrophosphate Route
8. Production of NPK Compound Fertilizers by Mixed Acid Route



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