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Valorization of agrobusiness wastes: cashew nuts

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PURPOSE OF THE ABSTRACT

The Laboratoire International Associé/Universités d'Antananarivo-Lyon1 has always worked, since its creation in 2011, on waste and biomass in order to transform them into higher value-added products on the one hand and for ecological reasons on the other hand. The two examples that we will show here concern industrial ecology on transformation of cashew nut shells and Mauritius hemp into biodegradable polymers, plasticizers and surfactants.

The cashew nut is produced at about 5000 T / year in Madagascar or 0.1% of world production. The seed consisting of almond and shell represents 15% of the weight of a fresh fruit. We have extracted from these shells a liquid called ?Cashew nut shell liquid? or CNSL, one of few sources of natural phenols from which we have synthesized biodegradable plasticizers, surfactants, monomers and polymers using economically and ecologically acceptable technology.

FIGURES



FIGURE 1 From cashew nut shell to chemicals From cashew nut shell to chemicals

FIGURE 2

KEYWORDS

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