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This thesis discussed firstly the environmental situation of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and the global coalition to counteract the problem of climate change then a simple review about different pathways to sequester emitted CO<sub>2</sub>, followed by a SWOT analysis to select best pathways applicable in Egypt, two pathways were adopted; biological sequestration and geological sequestration. For both pathways, technical model and economic calculations were proposed.

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#### **Nomenclature**

**BBL:** oil barrel

**BCF:** billion cubic feet

Btu hr<sup>-1</sup> ft<sup>-2</sup> °F<sup>-1</sup>: British Thermal unit/ (hour.square feet. degree fahrenheit)

capex: capital costsCBL cement bond log

CCS: carbon capture and sequestration CCU: carbon capture and utilization Carbon Dioxide: Carbon Dioxide Company X: Oil company in Egypt CRP: Carbon Dioxide removal plant

**DCA:** decline curve analysis

ECBM: enhanced coal bed methane

EOR/EGR: enhanced oil recovery/ Enhanced gas recovery

**EPC**: engineering, procurement and construction **EPRI:** Egyptian petroleum Research Institute

**FIELD 2**: specific field in company X

G/L: gram per liter

**GDP**: gross domestic product **GHG**: green house gases

**GT**: gigatonnes

**HCPV**: hydrocarbon pore volume

**InSAR**: Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar

**IOC**: international oil company

**IPCC:** the united nations intergovernmental parties of climate change

**KUSD:** thousand USA dollars

L.E. Egyptian pound

MENA: middel east and north africa MJ/m².day: mega joule/ square meter.day mmscf/d: million standard cubic feet per day

MPA: mega pascal

MtCO2e: mega tonne Carbon Dioxide equivalent

**OOIP/OGIP:** original oil in place/ original gas in place respectively

opex: operational costs
PBR: photobioreactor
PFD: process flow diagram
PSI: pound per square inch
PVC: Polyvinyl Chloride

**R&D:** research and development

**SS:** stainless steel

**SWOT**: strength-weakness-opportunities-threats

Tc: critical temperature
TRL: technological readiness
USIT; ultra sonic imaging tool

**VDL** variable density log