

**Genomic analysis of *Bacillus cereus* NWUAB01 and its heavy metal removal from polluted soil**

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**Table S1. The growth rate of strain NWUAB01 on each of the metal tested and the control**

	Generation time	Number of generations	Specific growth rate
Cd	88.87	0.27	0.01
Cr	93.67	0.26	0.01
Pb	61.34	0.39	0.01
Control	88.87	0.27	0.01

**Table S2. Heavy metal removal by strain NWUAB01 and its biosurfactant**

Metal	Biosurfactant	Strain NWUAB01
	Percentage removal (%)	Percentage removal (%)
Cd	54.30	60.90
Cr	43.52	30.85
Pb	69.78	83.83
Multi-metal		
Cd	40.13	45.80
Cr	30.45	33.72
Pb	65.23	72.39

**Table S3. The sampling sites and their corresponding metal concentration**

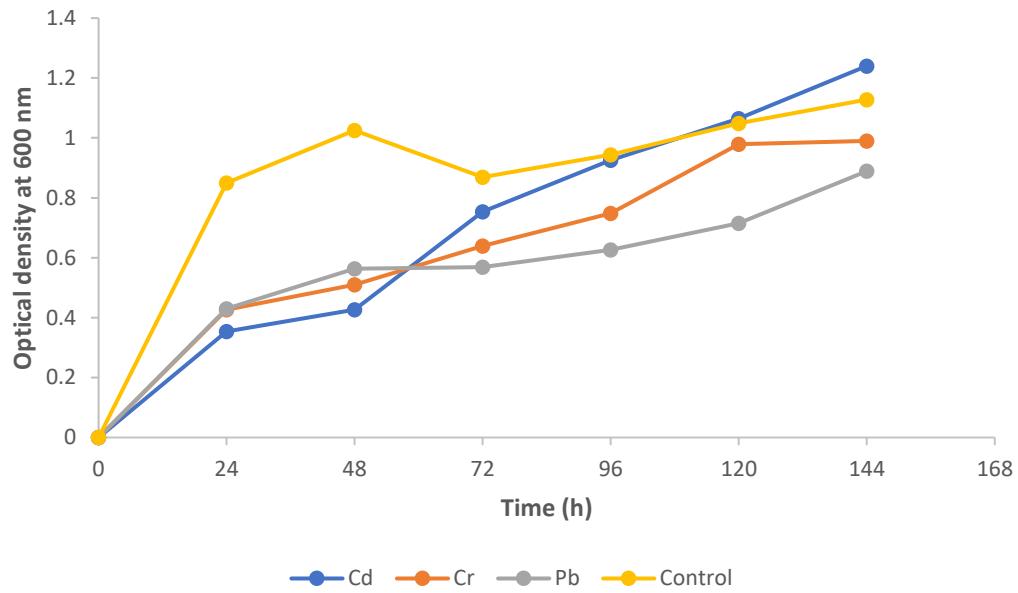
Sampling site	Location	Cd (mg/kg)	Cr (mg/kg)	Pb (mg/kg)	Zinc (mg/kg)
1	26° 10' 5.27" S 25° 14' 47.69" E	0.26±0.00 <sup>b</sup>	0.35±0.00 <sup>c</sup>	1.86±0.00 <sup>b</sup>	0.96±0.00 <sup>b</sup>
2	26° 10' 14.28" S 25° 14' 14.58" E	0.02±0.00 <sup>d</sup>	0.27±0.01 <sup>f</sup>	0.23±0.01 <sup>de</sup>	0.3±0.02 <sup>c</sup>
3	26° 10' 3.19" S 25° 15' 19.47" E	0.04±0.00 <sup>c</sup>	0.37±0.00 <sup>b</sup>	0.3±0.01 <sup>c</sup>	0.16±0.00 <sup>d</sup>
4	26° 10' 2.18" S 25° 15' 20.66" E	0.36±0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.41±0.00 <sup>a</sup>	2.4±0.04 <sup>a</sup>	1.2±0.00 <sup>a</sup>
5	26° 11' 11.03" S 25° 15' 20.66" E	0.03±0.00 <sup>d</sup>	0.29±0.00 <sup>e</sup>	0.21±0.00 <sup>de</sup>	0.07±0.00 <sup>g</sup>
6	26° 11' 11.01" S 25° 15' 40.87" E	0.02±0.00 <sup>d</sup>	0.22±0.00 <sup>g</sup>	0.2±0.00 <sup>e</sup>	0.07±0.00 <sup>g</sup>
7	26° 9' 40.15" S 25° 14' 55.40" E	0.02±0.00 <sup>d</sup>	0.27±0.00 <sup>f</sup>	0.25±0.00 <sup>cd</sup>	0.14±0.00 <sup>e</sup>
8 (Control)	26° 6' 42.59" S 25° 9' 24.52" E	0.03±0.00 <sup>c</sup>	0.33±0.00 <sup>d</sup>	0.28±0.00 <sup>c</sup>	0.11±0.00 <sup>f</sup>

Values are means of triplicate readings ± standard error

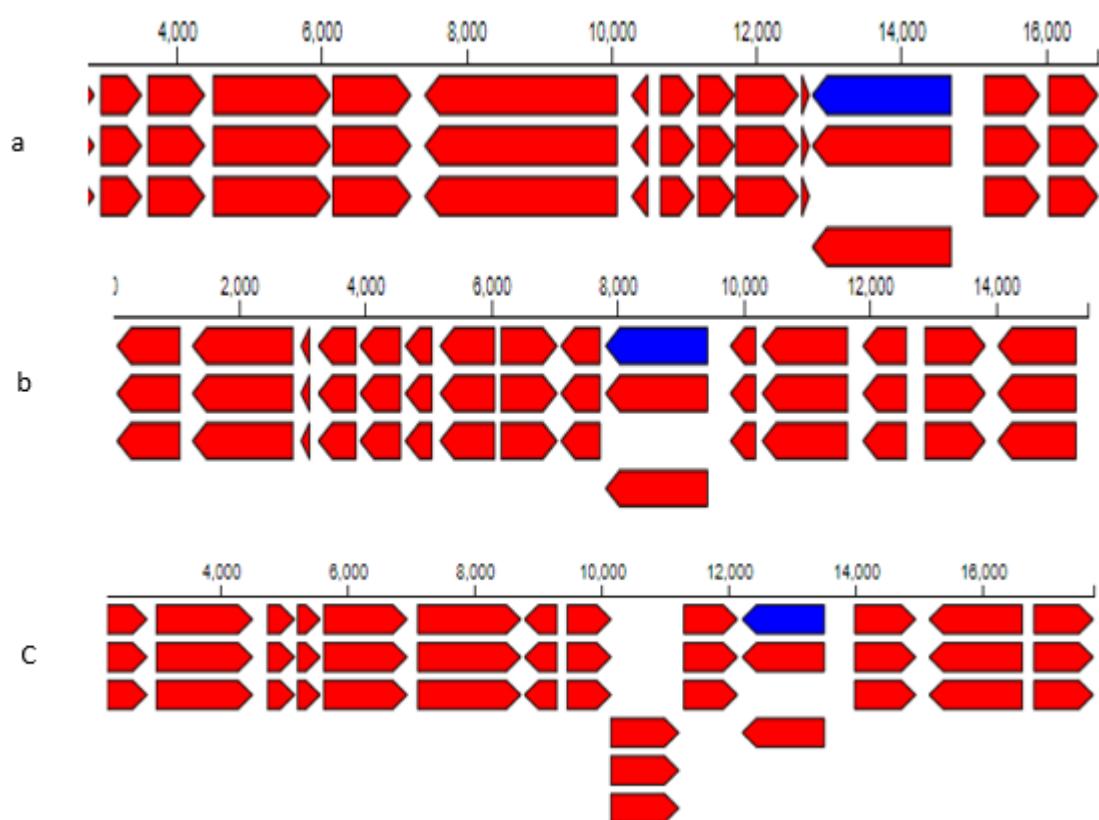
Values with the same letter within a column are not significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ )

**Table S4. The sequences of the primer sets used for amplification of 16S rRNA and heavy metal-resistant genes**

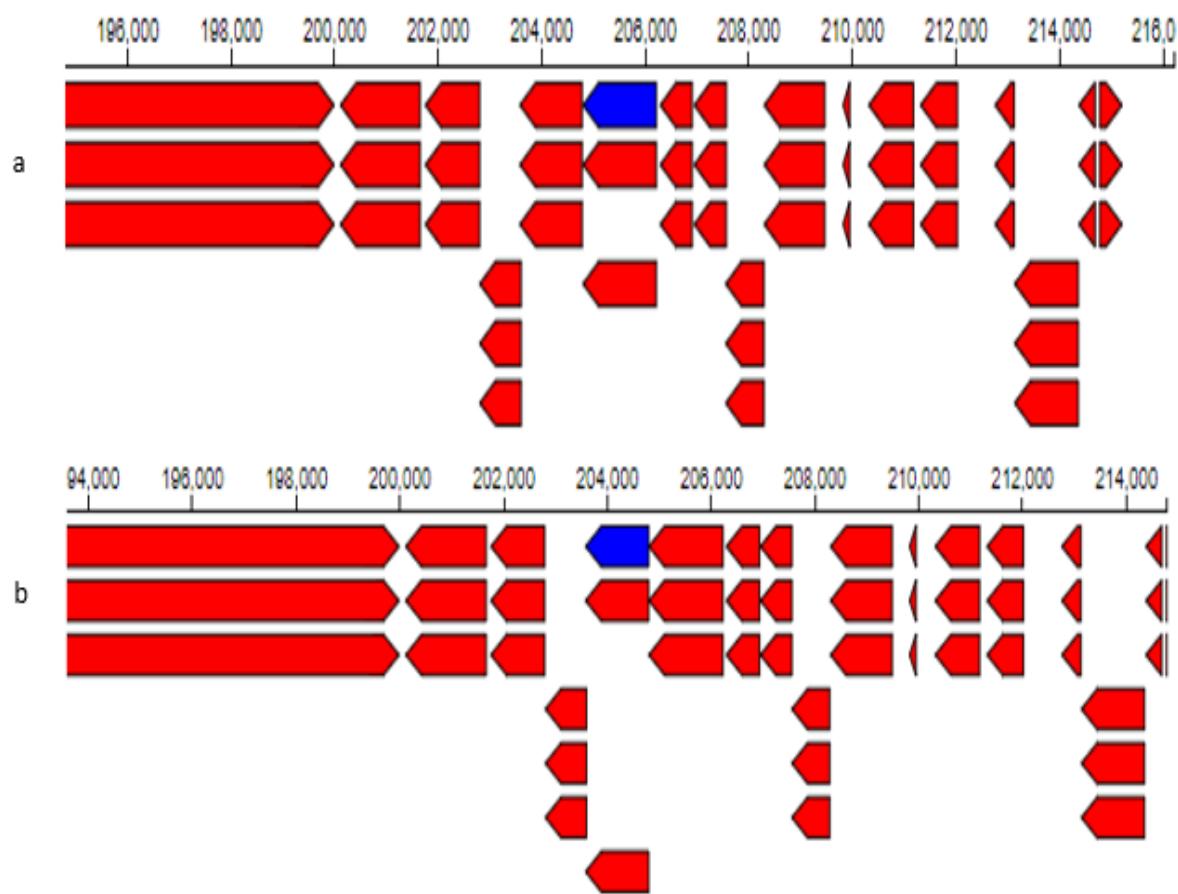
Primer	Primer sequence	Expected band size (bp)	Reference
16S rRNA	F- AGAGTTGATCCTGGCTCAG R- ACGGCTACCTTGTACGACTT	1,500	Marin, et al. <sup>1</sup>
<i>CzcA</i>	F- GTTTGAACGTATCATTAGTTTC R - GTAGCCATCCGAAATATTCG	1,885	Nies, et al. <sup>2</sup>
<i>CzcD</i>	F- CAGGTCACTGACACGACCAT R- CATGCTGATGAGATTGATGATC	398	Nies, et al. <sup>2</sup>
<i>CzcB</i>	F- CTATTCGAACAAACAAAAGG R- CTTCAGAACAAACTGTTGG	1,520	Abou-Shanab, et al. <sup>3</sup>
<i>PbrT</i>	F- ATGGTGATTGCTTAGTT R- TTAGGCTTGCTTCTTTT		Shin, et al. <sup>4</sup>
<i>PbrA</i>	F- ATGAGCGAATGTGGCTCGAAG R- TCATCGACGCAACAGCCTCAA	766	Shin, et al. <sup>4</sup>
<i>chrA</i>	F- CTTATACGCTACGCCAACTG R- GTAATGGCATTCACTCGCTTG	1,292	Nies, et al. <sup>5</sup>
<i>chrB</i>	F- GTCGTTAGCTGCCAACATC R- CGAAAGCAAGATGTCGATCG	450	Nies, et al. <sup>5</sup>
<i>cadA</i>	F- GACAAGACYGGMACYMTCAC R- GCRTGGTTRATSCGTC	600	Dell'Amico, et al. <sup>6</sup>



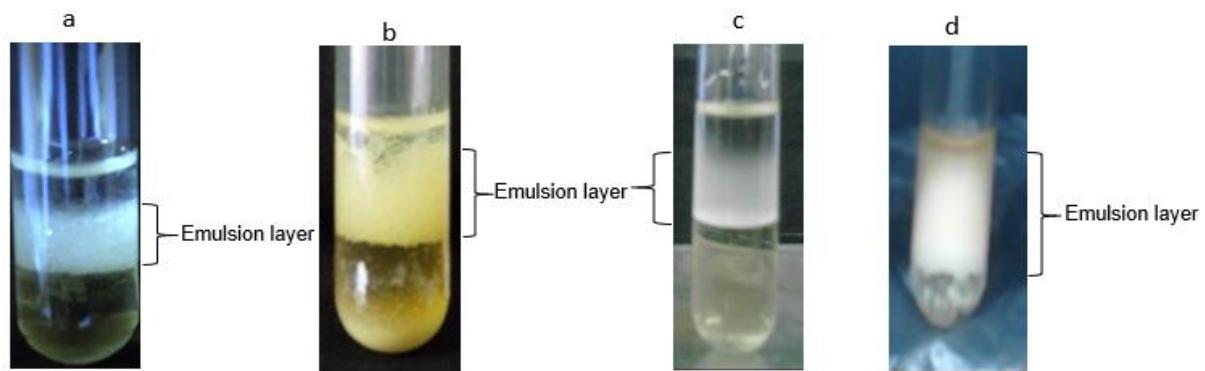
**Fig. S1 Time course growth of *B. cereus* NWUAB01 on different heavy metals**



**Fig. S2** The annotation for (a) Lead, cadmium, zinc and mercury transporting ATPase (b) copper resistance protein and (c) manganese transport protein



**Fig. S3 Gene annotation of the (a) Wzx and (b) Wzy and their respective locus on the genome of strain NWUAB01**



**Fig. S4 Emulsification of (a) kerosene (b) kerosene in the presence of heavy metals (c) vegetable oil (d) engine oil by strain NWUAB01**

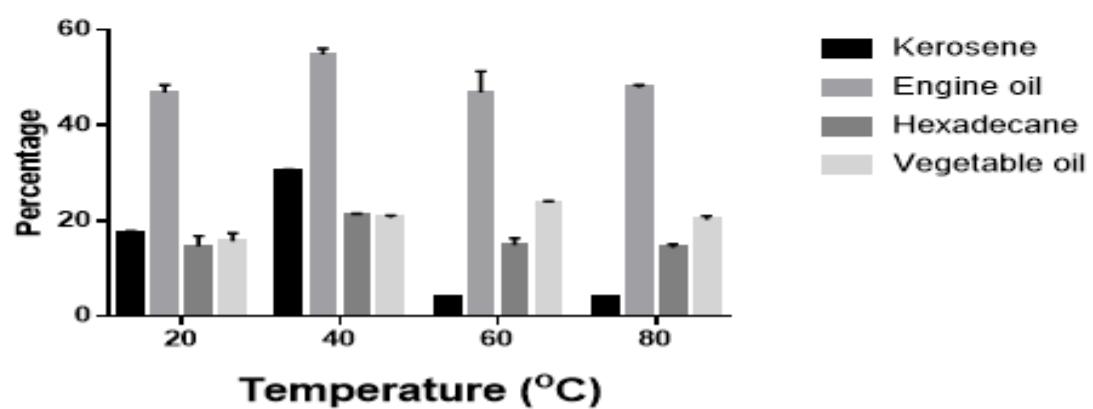
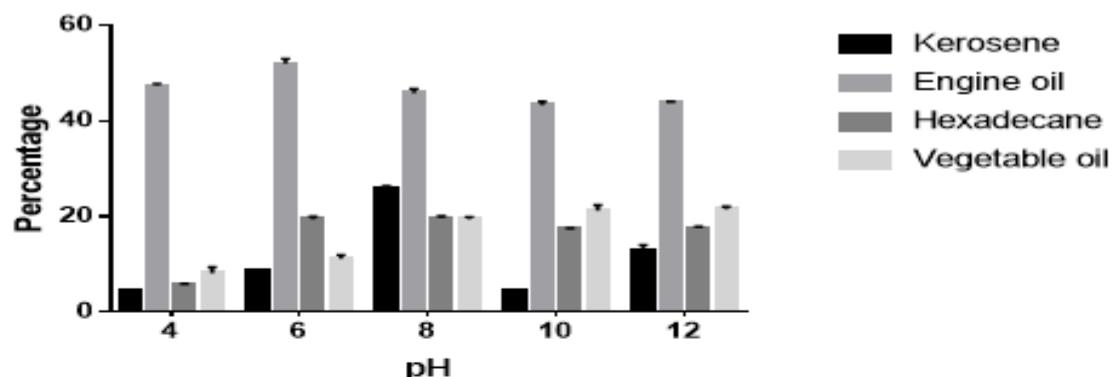
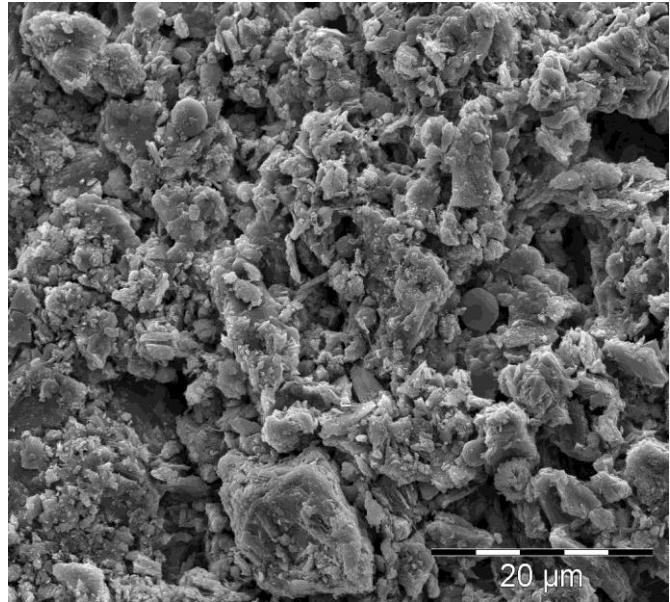


Fig. S5 Stability of the emulsion produced by strain NWUAB01 at different pH and temperature



**Fig. S6** The SEM image of the biosurfactant produced by strain NWUAB01

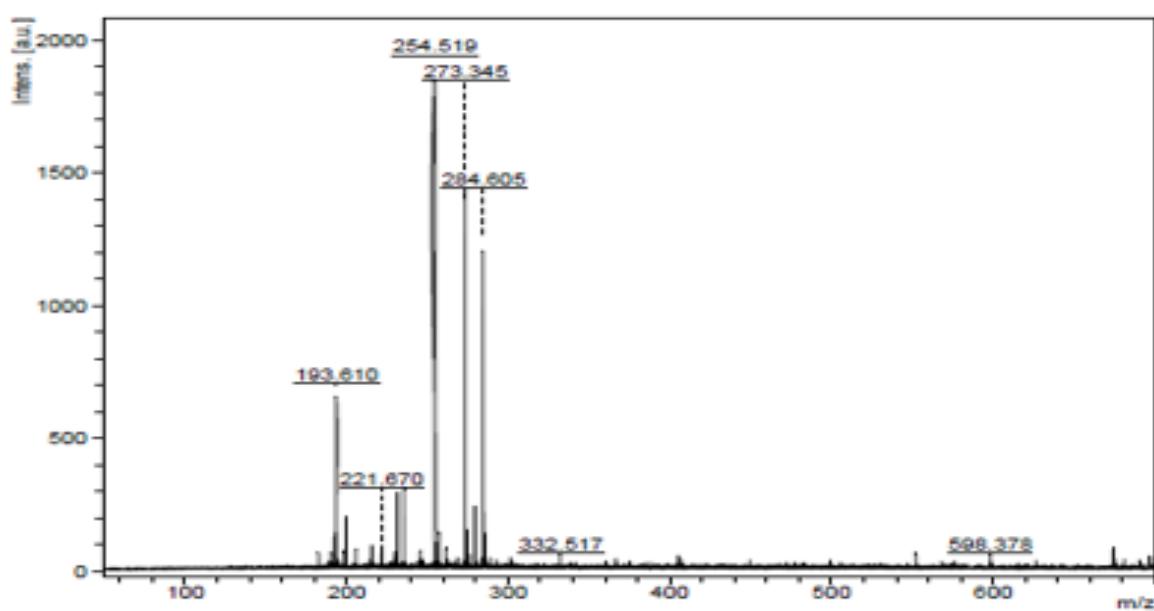
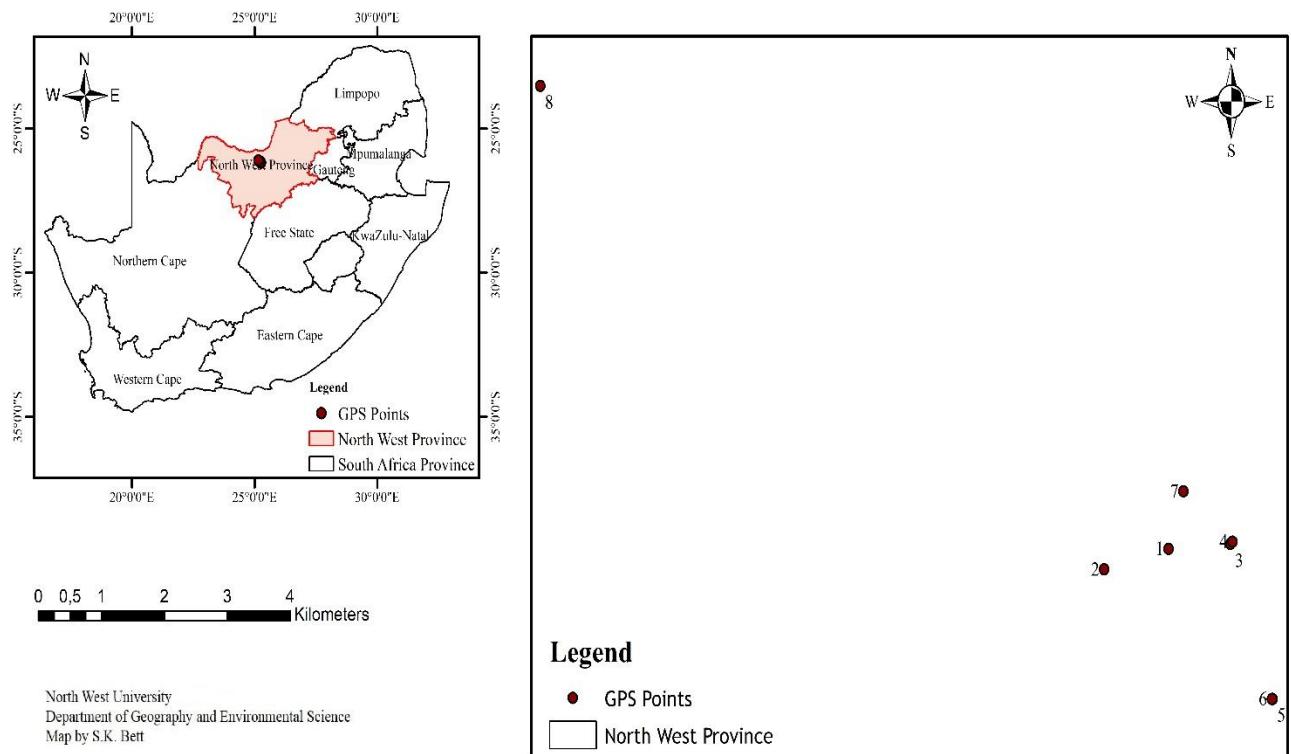
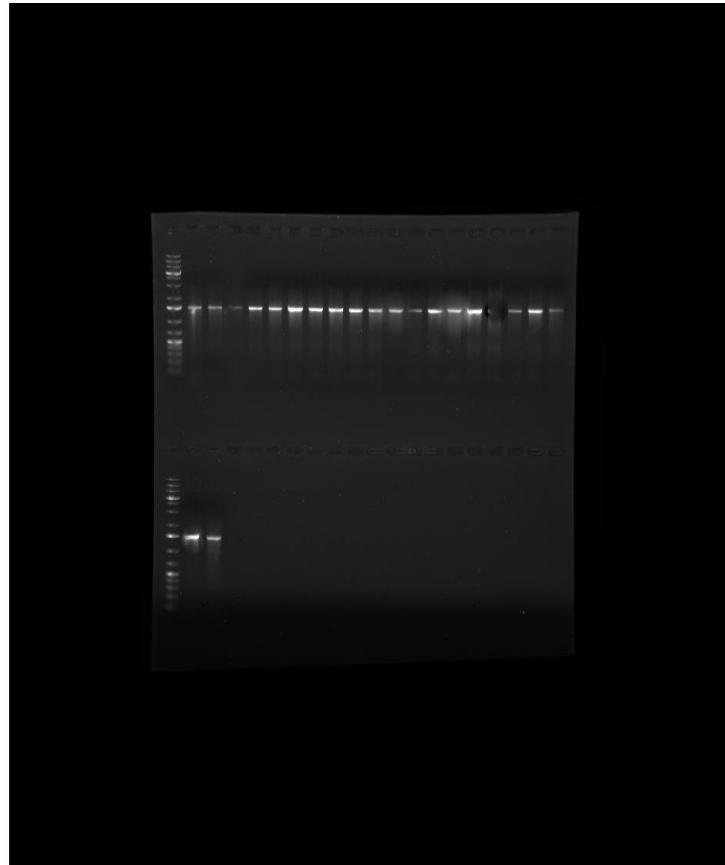


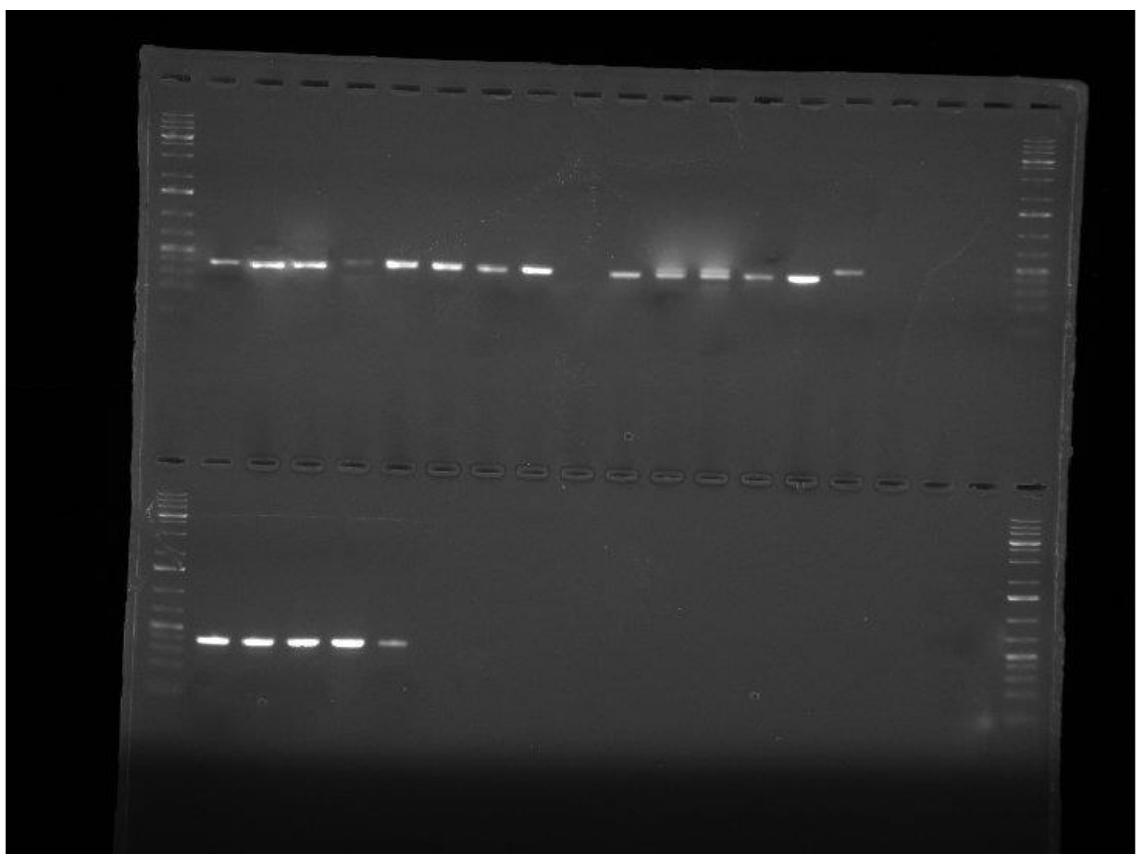
Fig. S7 The mass spectrum of the purified biosurfactant produced by strain NWUAB01



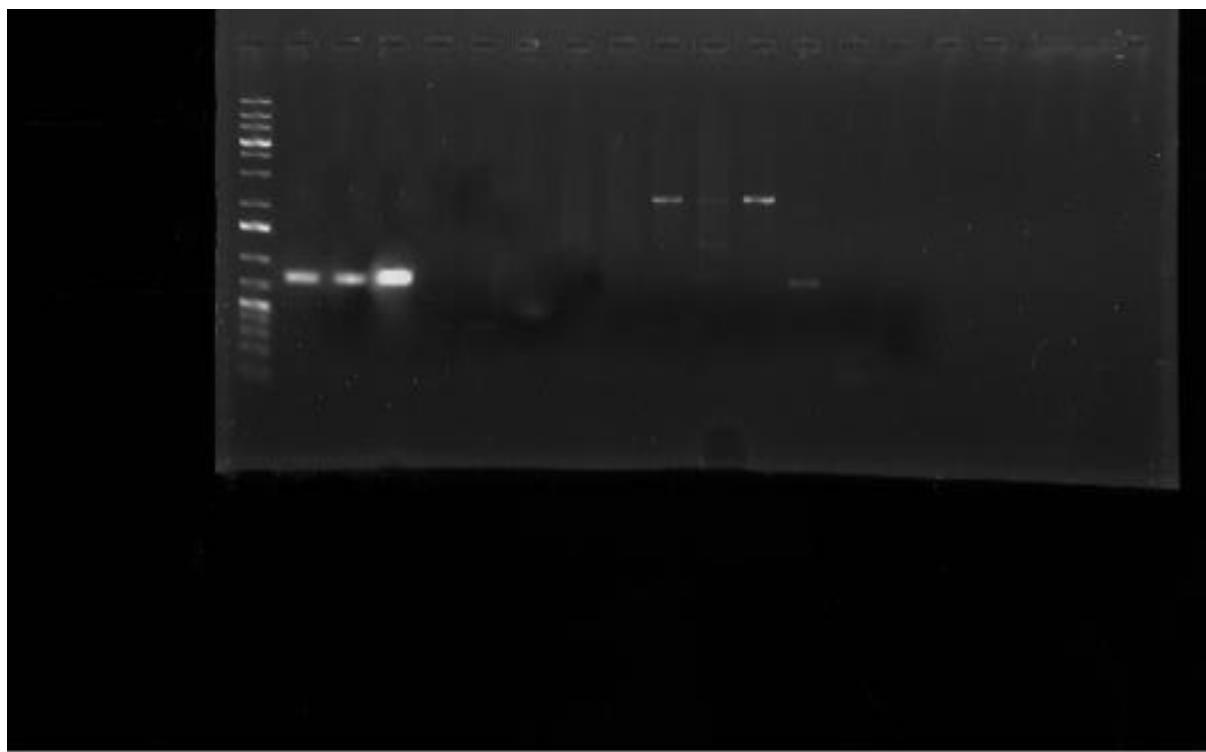
**Fig. S8** The map showing the sampling sites. The map was generated using ArcMap (version 10.5.1) (<https://desktop.arcgis.com/en/arcmap/>)



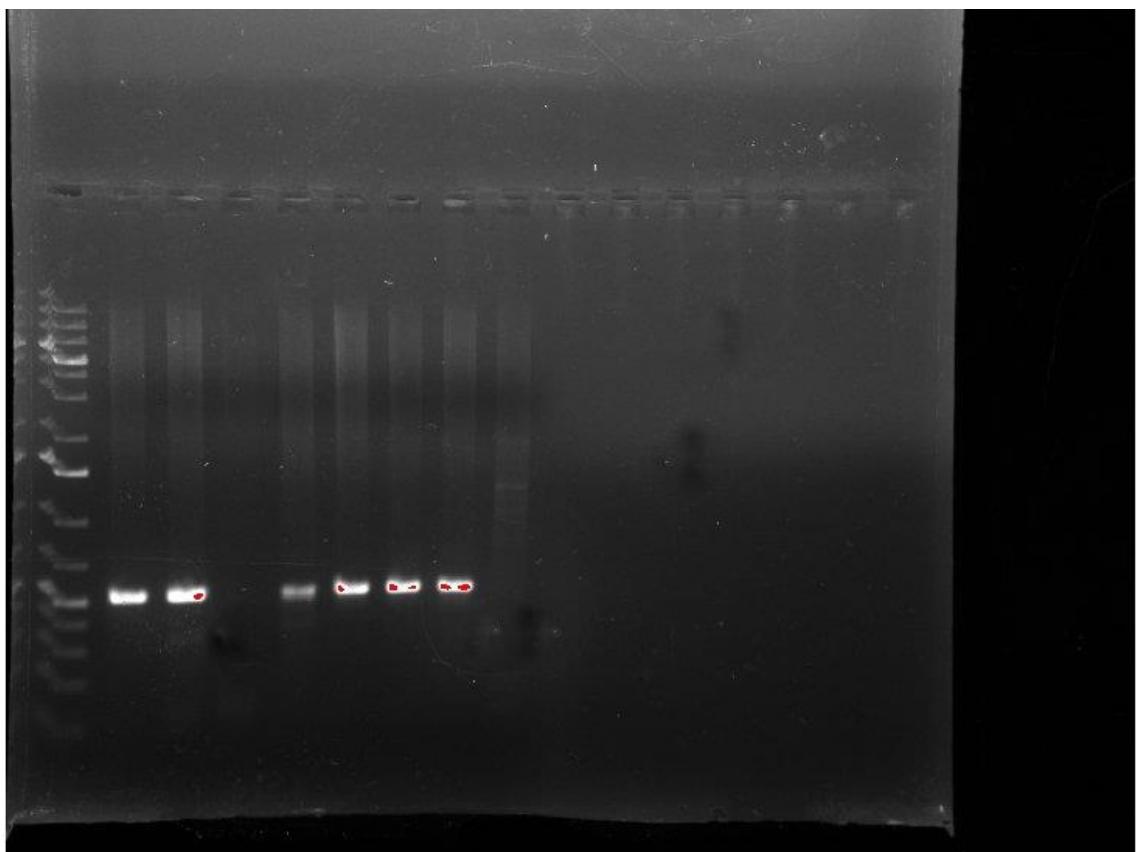
Gel electrophoresis of the 16S rRNA gene of bacterial isolates from mining soil. It shows the predicted 1,500 bp amplicons of the isolates and negative for the control



Gel electrophoresis of the *CzcD* gene of bacterial isolates from mining soil. It shows the predicted 398 bp amplicons for positive isolates and negative for the control



Gel electrophoresis of the *PbrA* gene of bacterial isolates from mining soil. It shows the predicted 756 bp amplicons for positive isolates and negative for the control



Gel electrophoresis of the *cadA* gene of bacterial isolates from mining soil. It shows the predicted 600 bp amplicons for positive isolates and negative for the control

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