raffinate

The phase remaining after extraction of some specified solute(s). When necessary it should be further specified, e.g. scrub raffinate. The original meaning of raffinate as a 'refined product' has become extended and changed by common usage. The term should normally be applied only to waste streams but the latter may form the feed to a further extraction process for another solute.

Source:

PAC, 1993, 65, 2373 (Nomenclature for liquid-liquid distribution (solvent extraction) (IUPAC Recommendations 1993)) on page 2388