

A B S T R A C T

SUBSTITUTED POLYOXYALKYLENE COMPOUNDS

The invention provides a polyoxyalkylene compound of general formula



5 wherein

R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, alkylaryl or heterocyclyl group;

10 R^2 represents an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, alkylaryl, heterocyclyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino or arylamino group;

A represents an oxygen atom (-O-) or a group -NH-; and

15 X represents a polyoxypropylene chain or a random copolymer of ethylene oxide/propylene oxide, and an oxygen atom of group X is bonded directly to the $\text{R}^2\text{CO-}$ moiety.

20 The invention further provides a process for the preparation of the compound, a lubricating oil composition and a fuel composition which each include the compound, a lubricating oil concentrate, the use of the compound as a rust inhibitor and a method of operating an internal combustion engine.