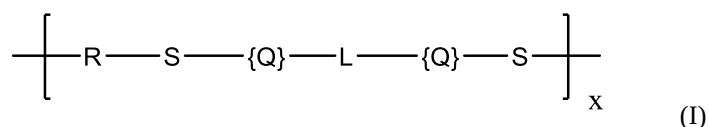


ABSTRACT**Polymers and lubricating compositions containing polymers**

A polymer having the structure (I):



L is a linking group, R is a hydrocarbon group or a substituted-hydrocarbon group, and x is 2 or more, preferably from 2 to 100, more preferably from 2 to 50. Each {Q} is (a) an identical polymer block composed of 3 or more monomer units, or (b) contains a plurality of polymer blocks, each polymer block being composed of 3 or more monomer units, such that the moiety {Q}-L-{Q} has the structure {P_n.....P₂P₁}-L-{P₁P₂.....P_n} where each P_n is an individual polymer block, the number of polymer blocks n in each {Q} being the same; wherein for each value of n the polymer blocks are identical; and wherein n is an integer of 2 or more, preferably from 2 to 100, more preferably from 2 to 50.

No Figure