CLAIMS

1. Use of one or more soluble fatty amines in a lubricating composition in order to passivate all or part of the surface of metal parts of an engine, preferably of a marine engine, and to prevent and/or reduce the metallic losses of said metal parts, wherein the fatty amine is chosen from among:

- the compounds of formula (I):

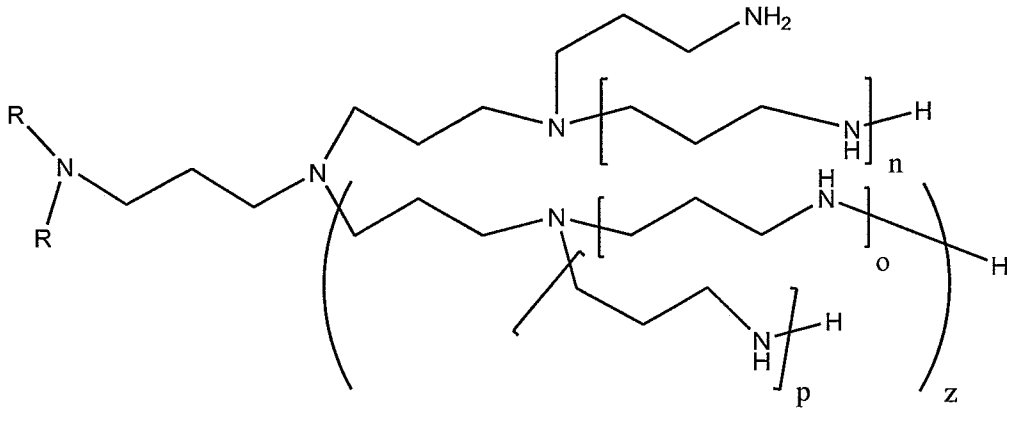
$$R_1\text{-}[(NR_2)\text{-}R_3]_m\text{-}NR_4R_5,$$

in which,

- $R_1$ represents a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group, linear or branched, comprising at least 12 carbon atoms, and optionally at least one heteroatom chosen from among nitrogen, sulfur or oxygen,
- $R_2$, $R_4$ or $R_5$ independently represent a hydrogen atom or a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group, linear or branched, and optionally comprising at least one heteroatom chosen from among nitrogen, sulfur or oxygen,
- $R_3$ represents a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group, linear or branched, comprising one or more carbon atoms and optionally comprising at least one heteroatom selected from among nitrogen, sulfur or oxygen, preferably oxygen;
- m is an integer greater than or equal to 1, preferably between 1 and 10, more preferably between 1 and 6, still more preferably selected from among 1, 2 or 3;

or

- a mixture of one or more polyalkylamines of formulas (III) and/or (IV):




(III)