CLAIMS:

1. An oleaginous dispersion of nanoparticles with a core comprised primarily of an organic base, immobilized within a surfactant layer, wherein the nanoparticles have an average particle size of from 5 nm to 3000 nm, as measured via Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM), wherein the organic base comprises polyamine, and wherein from 0.5 mol% to 80 mol% of the polyamine is crosslinked.

2. The dispersion of claim 1, wherein said polyamine is a polyalkylene or polyoxyalkylene polyamine having on average 2 to 1000 total carbon atoms and 1 to 400 nitrogen atoms per molecule.

3. The dispersion of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein surfactant layer comprises one or more surfactants having a phase inversion temperature (PIT) outside the range of from -35°C to 300°C.

4. The dispersion of any preceding claim, wherein said surfactant layer comprises one or more ionic surfactants selected from sulfonate, phenate, sulfurized phenate, thiophosphonate, salicylate and naphthenate metal salts.

5. The dispersion of claim 1, wherein said surfactant layer comprises one or more non-ionic surfactants.

6. The dispersion of claim 5, wherein said surfactant layer comprises one or more olefin and ethylene-α-olefin polymers functionalized with at least one polar functional group.

7. The dispersion of claim 6, wherein said surfactant layer comprises one or more olefin and ethylene-α-olefin polymers functionalized with at least one polar functional group selected from polyalkenyl oligomers and polymers substituted with one or more carboxylic acid groups, or anhydrides thereof, and polyalkenyl oligomers or polymers having one or more amine, amine-alcohol or amide polar moieties attached to the polymer backbone, optionally through a bridging group.

8. The dispersion of any preceding claim, wherein the ratio (mass%:mass%) of core to surfactant of said nanoparticles is from 0.1:1 to 24:1.

9. The dispersion of any preceding claim, having a TBN of active ingredient as measured in accordance with ASTM D4739 of from 50 to 900 mg KOH/g

10. A lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine comprising an oleaginous nanoparticle dispersion of any preceding claim, in an amount contributing at least 0.25 mg KOH/g of TBN to the lubricating oil composition.