

ABSTRACT

Provided is a lubricant for magnetic recording medium, where the lubricant includes an ionic liquid including an anionic component and a cationic component, wherein the anionic component includes a fluorine-containing chain having a
5 number average molecular weight of 1,500 or less, the cationic component is a cation of cyclic amidine, and the cation of the cyclic amidine includes a fluorine-containing chain that is either a perfluoroalkyl chain or a perfluoropolyether chain.