Supporting Information for

Enhanced Performance of Dye–Sensitized Solar Cell with an Amphiphilic Polymer–Gelled Ionic Liquid Electrolyte

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Experimental

Synthesis of poly(oxyethylene)-segmented amide-imide (POEM)

The POEM polymer was synthesized through the reaction between POE2000 and ODPA at a molar ratio of 6:5, by the procedure described below. POE2000 (10.00 g, 0.005 mol) in THF (15 ml) was poured into a 100 ml three–necked, round–bottomed flask, equipped with a magnetic stirrer, nitrogen inlet–outlet lines, and a thermometer. A solution of ODPA anhydride (1.29 g, 0.004 mol) in THF (10 ml) was added to the reactor through a funnel in a drop–wise manner. During the addition, the mixture was stirred vigorously and the reactor was maintained at 150 °C for 3 h. The product mixture was subjected to rotary evaporation under a reduced pressure and was recovered as a yellowish waxy solid. The synthesis of POEM is represented in Scheme S1.

Scheme:

Scheme S1 Synthesis of poly(oxyethylene)-segmented amide-imide (POEM) by two-step process of forming POE-amidoacids and POEM at elevated temperature.

Figure Captions:

Figure S1 The cell efficiencies of QSS–DSSCs with various weight percentage of POEM added in RTIL electrolyte.



Poly(oxyethylene)-segmented imides (POEM)

Scheme S1



Figure S1