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#### (54) SELF-DENSIFYING NANO-SILVER PASTE AND A METHOD OF FORMING INTERCONNECT LAYER FOR HIGH POWER ELECTRONICS

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#### (57)ABSTRACT

A self-densifying interconnection is formed between a hightemperature semiconductor device selected from a GaN or SiC-based device and a substrate. The interconnection includes a matrix of micron-sized silver particles in an amount from approximately 10 to 60 weight percent; the micron-sized silver particles having a particle size ranging from approximately 0.1 microns to 15 microns. Bonding particles are used to chemically bind the matrix of micronsized silver particles. The bonding particles are core silver nanoparticles with in-situ formed surface silver nanoparticles chemically bound to the surface of the core silver nanoparticles and, at the same time, chemically bound to the matrix of micron-sized silver particles. The bonding particles have a core particle size ranging from approximately 10 to approximately 100 nanometers while the in-situ formed surface silver nanoparticles have a particle size of approximately 3-9 nanometers.

