

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany and Electroninks Partner for Next-Gen BSM Solutions in Advanced Semiconductor **Packaging**

Product will address the industry's thermal management challenges on both wafer and large panels

AUSTIN, TX, UNITED STATES, August 4, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ --Electroninks, the leader in metal organic decomposition (MOD) inks for additive manufacturing and advanced semiconductor packaging, today announced that Merck KGaA, <u>Darmstadt</u>, <u>Germany</u> and Electroninks expanded on the companies' strategic collaboration to now develop and introduce an innovative Backside Metallization (BSM) solution tailored for advanced semiconductor packaging. This new deal expands on the existing collaboration for Electroninks' cost-efficient and highly effective EMI shielding solution. The

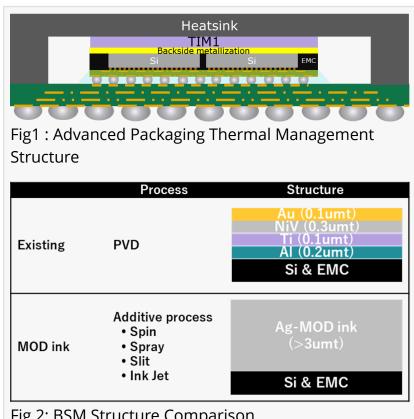


Fig 2: BSM Structure Comparison

new, next-generation BSM technology announced today offers a highly elegant solution to traditional sputtering and plating processes, addressing the reliability, warpage, and increasing thermal management challenges in hybrid bonding, wafer and Panel Level Packaging (PLP) metallization.

As AI chips and high-performance computing devices continue to push the limits of processing power, thermal density has risen significantly, making efficient heat dissipation more critical than ever. Reliable bonding between semiconductor packages and Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) is essential for effective heat transfer. However, conventional BSM methods—such as sputtering and plating—pose challenges related to cost, equipment requirements, scaling at larger panels,

and environmental impact.

By leveraging Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany's expertise in semiconductor coating processes and Electroninks' Metal-Organic Decomposition (MOD) Ink technology, this collaboration aims to redefine the standards for BSM in advanced semiconductor packaging.

Key Features and Benefits of the New BSM Solution:

1) High-Uniformity Backside Metallization with Reliable TIM Compatibility

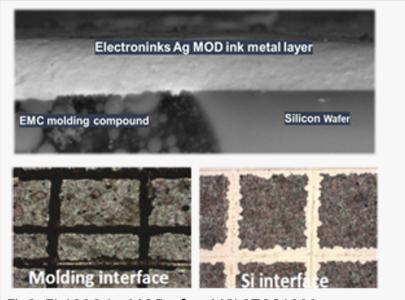


Fig3: EI-1206 Ag-MOD after MSL3TCG1200

- Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany and Electroninks have advanced spin-coating techniques to enable uniform metal layer formation, even on large-area WLP and PLP substrates.
- The solution ensures high-reliability bonding with TIM and solder materials for optimized heat dissipation.
- 2) Environmental and Production Efficiency Benefits Over Traditional Methods
- Eliminates the need for large-footprint vacuum equipment, improving manufacturing scalability.
- MOD Ink significantly reduces waste liquid disposal compared to conventional wet processes, aligning with lean manufacturing goals.
- 3) Enhanced Thermal Management for Next-Generation Devices
- MOD Ink technology provides excellent compatibility with various interface materials, eliminating the need for multi-layer BSM structures (such as Au/Ni-alloy/Ti).
- Ensures superior thermal conductivity and reliability necessary for supporting the highperformance needs and size of AI and computing devices.

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany and Electroninks remain committed to advancing their strategy and commercial offerings in advanced packaging. With the commercialization of this

pioneering BSM technology, which is now underway at customer sites globally, they aim to contribute to the advancement of high-efficiency, more sustainable semiconductor packaging solutions on silicon wafer, as well as panel-level processing where limited solutions exist today.

The companies plan to develop and market this technology together to customers in the near future, with on-site technical support in the US and APAC.

For more information on Electroninks' expanded portfolio and technical capabilities, visit www.electroninks.com.

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Electroninks' metal complex inks – including silver, gold, platinum, nickel and copper – deliver higher conductivity, manufacturing flexibility, and cost-effectiveness. The company's conductive inks provide reliable solutions for applications in printed circuit board (PCB) manufacturing, semiconductor packaging, consumer electronics, wearables, medical devices and more. We also partner closely with best-in-class equipment and integration partners to provide customers with a total ink and process solution with the ultimate goal to reduce the manufacturing costs and complexity.

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live. From providing products and services that accelerate drug development and manufacturing as well as discovering unique ways to treat the most challenging diseases to enabling the intelligence of devices – the company is everywhere. In 2024, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, generated sales of €□21.2□billion in 65 countries.

The company holds the global rights to the name and trademark "Merck" internationally. The only exceptions are the United States and Canada, where the business sectors of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, operate as MilliporeSigma in life science, EMD Serono in healthcare and EMD Electronics in electronics. Since its founding in 1668, scientific exploration and responsible entrepreneurship have been key to the company's technological and scientific advances. To this day, the founding family remains the majority owner of the publicly listed company.

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