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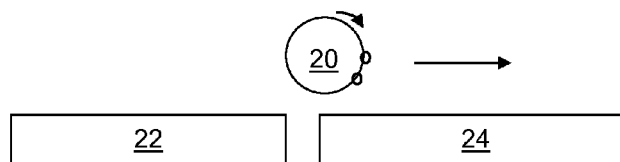
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FIG. 2B



(57) Abstract: Disclosed are methods and systems for transferring dry or semi-dry nanoparticles onto a substrate. In one embodiment, this includes the steps of providing a roller comprising an elastomeric stamp; transferring nanoparticles in a dry or semi-dry state, and which contact the surface of a donor substrate, from the donor substrate onto the elastomeric stamp; and depositing the dry or semi-dry nanoparticles from the elastomeric stamp onto a receiver substrate by rolling the elastomeric stamp onto the receiver substrate. The substrate, in other embodiments, can have a relief structure.



A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER***H01L 21/027(2006.01)i***

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Group I, claims [1-29, 33-37] are directed to a method or a system of transferring dry or semi-dry nanoparticles onto a substrate by depositing the nanoparticles from an elastomeric stamp onto a receiver substrate by rolling the elastomeric stamp onto the receiver substrate.

Group II, claims [30-32] are directed to a method of patterning a substrate by removing a portion of the nanoparticles from the substrate surface by rolling an elastomeric stamp onto the substrate surface, whereby remaining nanoparticles on the substrate surface form a negative of a relief structure of the stamp.

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