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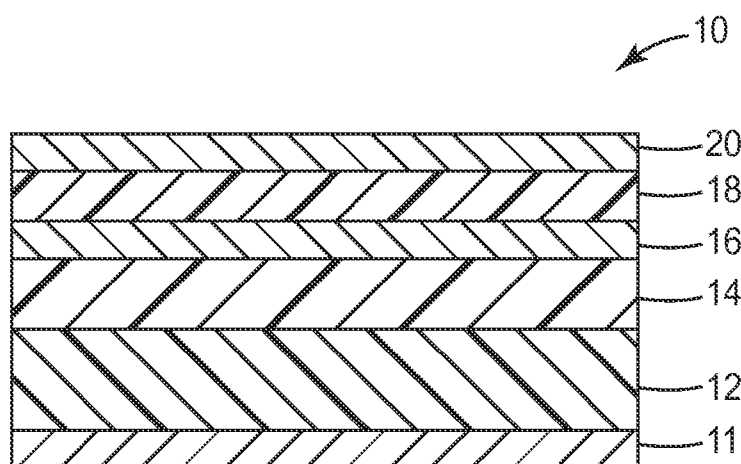


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: Encapsulated device including a photovoltaic cell and a composite film overlaying at least a portion of the photovoltaic cell, the composite film further including a substrate, a base (co)polymer layer on a major surface of the substrate, an oxide layer on the base (co)polymer layer, and a protective (co)polymer layer derived from a silane precursor compound on the oxide layer



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