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(54) **CALIBRACHOA PLANT NAMED
‘KLEC01061’**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A distinct cultivar of Calibrachoa plant named
‘KLEC01061’, characterized by its cascading plant habit;
freely branching habit; early flowering habit; light orange-
colored flowers; and good weather tolerance.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Botanical classification/cultivar designation: Calibrachoa
sp. cultivar KLEC01061.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present Invention relates to a new and distinct culti-
var of Calibrachoa plant, botanically known as Calibrachoa
sp., and hereinafter referred to by the name ‘KLEC01061’.

The new Calibrachoa is a product of a planned breeding
program conducted by the Inventor in Stuttgart, Germany.
The objective of the program is to create new early-
flowering Calibrachoa cultivars with compact and cascading
growth habit, freely branching habit, and attractive flower
colors.

The new Calibrachoa originated from a cross made by the
Inventor during the summer of 1999 of a proprietary selec-
tion of Calibrachoa identified as code number S 16, not
patented, as the female, or seed, parent with an unidentified
proprietary selection of Calibrachoa, not patented, as the
male, or pollen, parent. The new Calibrachoa was selected
by the Inventor in June, 2000 in a controlled environment in
Stuttgart, Germany.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by terminal
cuttings taken in a controlled environment in Stuttgart,
Germany since June, 2000, has shown that the unique
features of this new Calibrachoa are stable and reproduced
true to type in successive generations.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Plants of the cultivar KLEC01061 have not been observed
under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype
may vary somewhat with variations in environment such as
temperature, light intensity, daylength, water status and
fertility level without, however, any variance in genotype.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and
are determined to be the unique characteristics of
‘KLEC01061’. These characteristics in combination distin-
guish ‘KLEC01061’ as a new and distinct cultivar of Cali-
brachoa:

1. Cascading plant habit.
2. Freely branching habit.
3. Early flowering habit.
4. Light orange-colored flowers.

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5. Good weather tolerance; tolerant to rain and low and
high temperatures.

Plants of the new Calibrachoa differ primarily from plants
of the parent selections in flower color. In addition, plants of
the new Calibrachoa have larger leaves than plants of the
female parent.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

The accompanying colored photograph illustrates the
overall appearance of the new cultivar, showing the colors as
true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored repro-
ductions of this type. Colors in the photograph may differ
slightly from the color values cited in the detailed botanical
description which accurately describe the colors of the new
Calibrachoa. The photograph comprises a side perspective
view of typical plants of ‘KLEC01061’ grown in a hanging
basket container.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

In the following description, color references are made to
The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 1995 Edition,
except where general terms of ordinary dictionary signifi-
cance are used. Plants grown in 12-cm containers were used
for following description. Plants were grown under condi-
tions which closely approximate commercial production
conditions during the fall and winter in Stuttgart, Germany
in glass-covered greenhouse. Plants used for the description
and the photograph were about five months from planting
rooted cuttings. During the production period, day and night
temperatures ranged from 16 to 18° C. and light levels were
about 20,000 lux.

Botanical classification: Calibrachoa sp. cultivar
KLEC01061.

Parentage:

Female, or seed, parent.—Proprietary selection of Cali-
brachoa sp. identified as S 16, not patented.

Male, or pollen, parent.—Unidentified proprietary
selection of Calibrachoa sp., not patented.

Propagation:

Type cutting.—Terminal vegetative cuttings.

Time to initiate and develop roots.—Summer: About 21
days at 20 to 26° C. Winter: About 28 days at 20° C.

Root description.—Numerous, fine, fibrous, well-branched, and white in color.

Plant description:

Form.—Annual flowering plant; initially upright to semi-upright then cascading; uniform flattened mounded appearance.

Usage.—Appropriate for hanging baskets, window boxes and patio containers.

Plant height (from soil level to top of plant plane).—About 6 cm.

Plant diameter (area of spread).—About 60 cm.

Growth rate.—Relatively moderate.

Branching habit.—Freely branching, about 7 lateral branches per plant; pinching is typically not required.

Lateral branch description.—Length: About 30 cm. Diameter: About 1 cm. Internode length: About 0.5 to 2 cm. Texture: Glabrous. Color: 145A.

Foliage description.—Leaves simple, generally symmetrical and long persisting; sessile. Arrangement: Alternate. Length: About 1 to 3 cm. Width: About 0.5 to 1 cm. Shape: Lanceolate to elliptic. Apex: Acute. Base: Attenuate. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Venation pattern: Pinnate. Color: Young and fully expanded foliage, upper surface: 138A. Young and fully expanded foliage, lower surface: 138B. Venation, upper and lower surfaces: 144B.

Flower description:

Flower type and habit.—Flowers face somewhat upright or outward; single, axillary; salverform. Flowers not persistent. Freely flowering habit, about 4 to 6 open flowers and about 15 to 20 flower buds per lateral stem. Flowers not fragrant.

Natural flowering season.—Spring until frost in the autumn; flowering continuous.

Time to flower.—Early flowering; plants begin flowering about 12 weeks after planting.

Flower longevity on the plant.—About 7 days.

Flower size.—Diameter: About 3.5 cm. Tube length: About 1.8 cm. Throat diameter, distal end: About 9 mm. Tube diameter, proximal end: About 2 mm.

Flower buds (before showing color).—Length: About 1.3 cm. Diameter: About 4 mm. Shape: Roughly oblong. Color: 150B.

Corolla.—Arrangement/appearance: Single whorl of five petals, fused into flared trumpet. Petal length from throat: About 1.4 cm. Petal width: About 1.2 cm. Petal shape: Roughly spatulate with obtuse apex. Petal margin: Entire. Petal texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Petal, upper surface, when opening and fully opened: 29B; color fading to 29C with subsequent development; venation, 46B. Petal, lower surface, when opening and fully opened: 29C; venation, 187B. Flower throat (inside): 7B; venation, 46A. Flower tube (outside): 46A; venation, 200B.

Sepals.—Arrangement/appearance: Single whorl of five sepals, star-shaped. Length: About 1.8 cm. Width: About 6 mm. Shape: Lanceolate to elliptic. Apex: Acute. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Upper surface: 136B. Lower surface: 136C.

Peduncles.—Length: About 4.5 to 5 cm. Width: About 2 mm. Strength: Moderately strong. Angle: Erect to about 75° from vertical. Texture: Glabrous, smooth. Color: 144A.

Reproductive organs.—Stamens: Quantity: Five per flower. Anther shape: Elliptic. Anther length: About 1 to 2 mm. Anther color: 11B. Pollen amount: Moderate. Pollen color: 11B. Pistils: Quantity: One per flower. Pistil length: About 7 mm. Stigma shape: Oval. Stigma color: 149A. Style length: About 5 mm. Style color: 150A. Ovary color: 154A.

Seed/fruit.—Seed and fruit production has not been observed.

Disease/pest resistance: Plants of the new Calibrachoa have been noted to be resistant to Powdery Mildew. Plants of the new Calibrachoa have not been noted to be resistant to other pathogens and pests common to Calibrachos.

Weather/temperature tolerance: Plants of the new Calibrachoa are tolerant to rain and wind and have been observed to tolerate temperatures from 1 to 50° C.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of Calibrachoa plant named 'KLEC01061', as illustrated and described.

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