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(54) **ALSTROEMERIA PLANT NAMED**
‘STAQUEEN’

(50) Latin Name: *Alstroemeria hybrida*
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of Alstroemeria plant named
‘Staqueen’, characterized by its erect flowering stems;
intense light and dark orange bi-colored flowers with dark
purple spots and stripes; and excellent postproduction lon-
gevity.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Botanical classification/cultivar designation: *Alstroeme-
ria hybrida* cultivar ‘Staqueen’.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present Invention relates to a new and distinct culti-
var of Alstroemeria plant, botanically known as *Alstroeme-
ria hybrida*, commercially used as a cut flower Alstroemeria,
and hereinafter referred to by the name ‘Staqueen’.

The new Alstroemeria is a product of a planned breeding
program conducted by the Inventor in Rijsenhout and
Aalsmeer, The Netherlands. The objective of the breeding
program was to develop new cut flower Alstroemeria culti-
vars with strong plant growth, attractive flower colors and
excellent postproduction longevity.

The new Alstroemeria originated from a cross made by
the Inventor in April, 1999 in Rijsenhout, The Netherlands,
of a proprietary *Alstroemeria hybrida* selection identified as
60T0040-01, not patented, as the female, or seed, parent
with a proprietary *Alstroemeria hybrida* selection identified
as 87G1069-2, not patented, as the male, or pollen, parent.
The new Alstroemeria was discovered and selected by the
Inventor as a flowering plant within the progeny of the stated
cross in a controlled environment in Aalsmeer, The Neth-
erlands in June, 2000.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by root divisions
taken in a controlled environment in Rijsenhout, The
Netherlands, since June, 2000, has shown that the unique
features of this new Alstroemeria are stable and reproduced
true to type in successive generations of asexual propaga-
tion.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Plants of the cultivar Staqueen have not been observed
under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype
may vary somewhat with variations in environment such as
temperature and light intensity without, however, any vari-
ance in genotype.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and
are determined to be the unique characteristics of
‘Staqueen’. These characteristics in combination distinguish
‘Staqueen’ as a new and distinct cultivar:

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1. Erect flowering stems.
 2. Intense light and dark orange bi-colored flowers with
dark purple-colored spots and stripes.
 3. Excellent postproduction longevity.
- Plants of the new Alstroemeria are most similar to plants
of the parent selections. However, plants of the new Alstro-
emeria differ from plants of the parents in flower coloration
as plants of the female parent have red-colored flowers and
plants of the male parent have yellow-colored flowers.
- Plants of the new Alstroemeria can be compared to plants
of the cultivar Zantrice, not patented. In side-by-side com-
parisons conducted in Rijsenhout, The Netherlands, plants
of the new Alstroemeria differed primarily from plants of the
cultivar Zantrice in flower color as plants of the cultivar
Zantrice had softer orange-colored flowers than plants of the
new Alstroemeria.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

The accompanying colored photograph illustrates the
overall appearance of the new Alstroemeria, showing the
colors as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored
reproductions 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 Alstroemeria. The photograph comprises a side
perspective view of typical flowers of ‘Staqueen’.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The aforementioned photograph, following observations
and measurements describe plants of the new Alstroemeria
grown in Rijsenhout, The Netherlands in a glass-covered
greenhouse in ground beds. During the production of the
plants, day temperatures ranged from 15 to 20° C., night
temperatures ranged from 10 to 15° C., soil temperatures of
14° C. and light levels were about 4,000 lux. Plants used for
the photograph and description were about 12 months from
planting root divisions. The photograph and the description
were taken during March and April, 2002.

Color references are made to The Royal Horticultural
Society Colour Chart, 1995 Edition, except where general
terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

Botanical classification: *Alstroemeria hybrida* cultivar Staqueen.

Parentage:

Female parent.—Proprietary *Alstroemeria hybrida* selection identified as 60T0040-01, not patented.

Male parent.—Proprietary selection of *Alstroemeria hybrida* identified as 87G1069-2, not patented.

Propagation:

Type.—By root divisions.

Root description.—Fibrous, fleshy, thick; white, close to 155D, in color.

Rooting habit.—Freely branching.

Rhizomes.—Shape: Elongate; rounded. Length: About 10 to 30 cm. Diameter: About 0.3 to 1 cm. Texture: Smooth. Color: Close to 155D.

Plant description:

Plant habit.—Upright; freely basal branching, bushy appearance.

Time from planting to harvest of cut flowers.—About 80 to 90 days.

Number of flowering stems produced per year.—About 184 to 220.

Plant height.—About 104 to 160 cm.

Plant diameter (spread).—About 25 to 30 cm.

Flowering stem description.—Aspect: Erect. Length: About 130 cm. Diameter: About 4.75 to 10 mm. Internode length: About 1 to 7 cm. Strength: Strong. Texture: Glabrous. Color: Close to 144A to 144B.

Foliage description.—Leaves asymmetrical; sessile. Length: About 14 to 20 cm. Width: About 3 to 4 cm. Shape: Lanceolate. Apex: Acute. Base: Attenuate. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Glabrous. Venation pattern: Parallel. Color: Young and fully developed foliage, upper surface: Close to 137A; moderately glossy. Young and fully developed foliage, lower surface: Close to 137C. Venation: Upper surface, close to 137A; lower surface, close to 137C.

Flower description:

Flower type and habit.—Single cup-shaped flowers arranged in compound umbels. Perianth segments separate. Freely and continuously flowering. Flowers not persistent.

Natural flowering season.—Flowering continuous during the spring in The Netherlands.

Fragrance.—None detected.

Flower longevity on the plant.—About four weeks.

Flower longevity as a cut flower.—About 20 to 25 days.

Flower buds (showing color).—Length: About 2 to 4 cm. Diameter: About 1.5 to 2 cm. Shape: Roughly ovoid. Color: Close to 33A.

Umbel height.—About 10 to 15 cm.

Umbel diameter.—About 14 to 22 cm.

Number of flowers per umbel.—About 5 to 24.

Flower height (length).—About 7 to 8 cm.

Flower diameter.—About 6 to 7 cm.

Flower depth.—About 5 to 6 cm.

Perianth.—Arrangement: Six arranged in two whorls, each whorl with two lateral and one median segments. Size: Inner perianth: Length: Laterals, about 6 to 6.5 cm; median, 5 to 5.5 cm. Width, laterals and median: About 1.5 to 2 cm. Outer perianth: Length, laterals and median: About 5.5 to 6.2 cm. Width, laterals and median: About 2.8 to 3.3 cm. Shape: Inner perianth, all segments: Oblanceolate. Outer perianth, all segments: Obovate. Apex: Inner perianth, all segments: Acute. Outer perianth, all segments: Emarginate. Base, inner and outer perianths, all segments: Attenuate. Margin, inner and outer perianths, all segments: Entire; undulate. Texture, inner and outer perianths, all segments: Smooth, glabrous; velvety. Color: Inner perianth: When opening and fully opened, upper surface: Laterals: Towards apex, close to 28A; upper central spot, close to 33A; mid-section and towards base, close to 15A; spots and stripes, close to 187A. Median: Towards apex and margins, close to 28B; center, close to 33A; towards base, closer to 14C; spots and stripes, close to 187A. When opening and fully opened, lower surface: Laterals: Towards apex, close to 28B to 33A; mid-section and base, close to 14A. Median: Close to 28B to 33A. Outer perianth, when opening and fully opened, upper and lower surfaces, laterals and median: Close to 28B; central spot, close to 33A; at apex, close to 146A.

Pedicels.—Length: About 1.5 to 3 cm. Diameter: About 2 to 4 mm. Strength: Strong. Angle: About 30 to 60° from vertical. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Close to 137A.

Reproductive organs.—Stamens: Quantity per flower: Six. Anther shape: Elliptical. Anther length: About 8 mm. Anther diameter: About 3 mm. Anther color: Close to 153A. Pollen amount: Scarce. Pollen color: Close to 151A. Pistils: Quantity per flower: One. Style length: About 3.5 to 4 cm. Stigma color: Orange. Ovary color: Close to 143B.

Fruit.—Shape: Globular. Color: Brown.

Disease/pest resistance: Plants of the new *Alstroemeria* have not been observed to be resistant to pathogens and pests common to *Alstroemerias*.

Temperature tolerance: Plants of the new *Alstroemeria* have been observed to tolerate temperatures from −5 to 40° C. It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Alstroemeria* plant named ‘Staqueen’, as illustrated and described.

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