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#### (54) LAVANDULA PLANT NAMED 'LAVANG 221'

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(57) ABSTRACT

A new and distinct cultivar of *Lavandula* plant named 'Lavang 221', characterized by its white colored flowers and its heat resistance.

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Botanical classification: Lavandula angustifolia Mill. Varietal denomination: 'Lavang 221'.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention comprises a new and distinct cultivar of *Lavandula angustifolia Mill*. known by the varietal name 'Lavang 221'. The new variety is a product of a planned breeding program conducted in Austria. The purpose of the breeding program was to develop new propagated generative cultivars. The new variety is the result of a cross of 'Munstead' (female parent) with pollen of unknown and different *Lavandula* varieties. The new variety is similar to its female parent in flower height, but it has a white flower color. Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar in Austria by cuttings has shown that the unique features of the new variety are stable and reproduced true to type in successive propagations by asexual reproduction.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The accompanying colored photographic drawings illustrate the new variety, with the colors being as nearly true as is possible to obtain in colored illustrations of this type:

FIG. 1 is a close-up of the blooms of the new variety; and

FIG. 2 shows multiple entire plants of the new variety.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANT

The cultivar 'Lavang 221' has not been observed under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary somewhat with variations in environment such as temperature, day length and light intensity. However, there 35 is no variance in genotype.

In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used. Plants for the following description were grown in a 4" (~11 cm.) pot at approximately 64° F. The plant was 8 months old when described under natural light conditions in a greenhouse in Austria.

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## **PLANT**

Form: Bushy, symmetrical.

Height from soil to top of flowers: 12" (~30 cm.).

Plant diameter: 12.5" (~32 cm.).

Time to initiate roots: 3 weeks at approximately 68–72° F. Time to produce a rooted plant: 8 weeks at approximately 64° F.

Vigor: Good.

Branching habit: Freely branching.

10 Stem:

Color.—Green Group 138D.

Texture.—Smooth.

Length.—5" (~12 cm.).

Diameter.—0.02 cm.

*Internode length.*—1" (~2 cm.).

Strength.—Medium.

Quantity.—Approximately 70 per plant.

Foliage:

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Arrangement.—Alternate.

Number of leaves per stem.—12.

Size of leaf.—Length: 1.5" (~4 cm.). Width: 0.2" (~0.5 cm.).

Shape of leaf.—Long and lingulate.

Shape of apex.—Slender, long and tapered.

Shape of base.—Slender.

Texture: Smooth.

Margin type.—Entire.

Fragrance.—Strong and typical of Lavandula plants. Color.—Young leaves: Upper surface: Green Group 138A. Lower surface: Green Group 138B. Mature leaves: Upper surface: Yellow-Green Group 147A. Lower surface: Yellow-Green Group 147B.

Petiole.—Not present — Sessile.

Veins.—Venation pattern: Symmetrical. Color: Upper surface: Green Group 139C. Lower surface: Green Group 141A.

#### FLOWER

Natural flowering season: June/July in Kittsee, Austria. Flower type: Spike.

Number of flowers per plant: 70.

Time of day of flower opening: Flowers are open all day. They do not close.

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Fragrance: Strong and typical of Lavandula plants.

Longevity: 3–4 weeks on the plant.

Flower height: 1" (~2.5 cm.). Flower diameter: 0.8" (~2 cm.).

Bud:

Stage of development when described.—At the beginning of flowering.

Shape.—Oval.

Diameter.—0.3" (~0.7 cm.).

*Length.*—0.8" (~2 cm.).

Color.—Green Group 139D.

#### Corolla:

Length.—Upper lips: 0.04 cm. Lower lips: 0.03 cm. Width.—Upper lips: 0.08 cm. (2×0.04 cm.). Lower lips: ~0.08 cm. (3×2.5 mm.).

Shape.—Upper lips: Rounded with 2 bigger petals. Lower lips: Rounded with 3 smaller petals.

Apex.—Upper lips: Two lappets, cut in. Lower lips: Three lappets, cut in.

Margin.—Upper lips: Smooth, round. Lower lips: Smooth, round.

Texture.—Upper lips: Velvety. Lower lips: Velvety.

Color.—When opening: Upper lips (upper and lower surfaces): White Group 155D generally, upon exposure to cooler temperatures, the color may change to Violet-blue Group 92D. Lower lips (upper and lower surfaces): White Group 155D generally, upon exposure to cooler temperatures, the color may change to Violet-Blue Group 99D. Fully opened: Upper lips (upper and lower surfaces): White Group 155D. Lower lips (upper and lower surfaces): White Group 155D.

## Calyx:

Arrangement.—Tube, in spike.

Sepal.—Length: 0.05 cm. Width: 0.03 cm. Shape: Oval and long. Margin: Hairy. Color (when opening):

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Yellow-White Group 158D. Color (fully opened): Yellow-White Group 158D.

Peduncle strength: Good.

Disease resistance: No susceptibility to disease noted to date.

Weather tolerance: Heat tolerant, but susceptible to wet conditions.

Lasting quality of flowers on the plant: All summer.

Seed:

Number.—Approximately 30 seeds per inflorescence.

Texture.—Polished.

Color.—Black.

Length.—0.03 cm.

Diameter.—0.01 cm.

#### Fruit:

*Length.*—0.05 cm.

Color.—Brown Group 200A.

#### REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

# Stamens:

Number per flower.—4.

Filament length.—0.01 cm.

Anthers.—Shape: Long and slender. Length: 0.5 mm. Color: Yellow-White Group 158D.

Pollen.—Color: Greyed-Orange Group 164A. Amount: Minimal.

#### Pistils:

*Length.*—0.05 cm.

Styles.—Length: 0.01 cm. Color: Yellow-White Group 158D.

Stigma color.—Yellow-White Group 158D.

#### I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Lavandula* plant named 'Lavang 221' as herein described and illustrated.

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Fig. 1



Fig. 2