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(54) **OSTEOSPERMUM PLANT NAMED**
'OSLALIPU'

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Varietal Denomination: **Oslalipu**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new *Osteospermum* plant particularly distinguished by its
spreading character, good summer performance and light
purple flowers.

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1 Drawing Sheet

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Latin name of the genus and species of the plant claimed:
Osteospermum ecklonis.
Varietal denomination: 'Oslalipu'.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar
of *Osteospermum* plant, botanically known as *Osteosper-*
mum ecklonis.

The new *Osteospermum* is propagated by cuttings result-
ing from an open pollinated population from a proprietary
Osteospermum ecklonis seedling selection as the female, or
seed, parent identified as breeder's code 'C0030-2'
(unpatented). Breeder's code of new plant is 'E0126-1.'

The new *Osteospermum* was discovered and selected as a
single flowering plant within the progeny of the stated
population grown in Enkhuizen, Netherlands, in 2000. The
new *Osteospermum* plant has been repeatably asexually
reproduced by cuttings in Enkhuizen, Netherlands over a
period of 6 years. The new variety is stable and reproduces
true to type in successive generations of asexual reproduc-
tion.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

This new *Osteospermum* plant is illustrated by the accom-
panying photographic drawing which shows blooms, buds
and foliage of the plant in full color, the color shown being
as true as can be reasonably obtained by conventional
photographic procedures.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW CULTIVAR

The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinc-
tive characteristics of this new *Osteospermum* plant. The
data which defines these characteristics were collected from
asexual reproductions carried out in Enkhuizen, Nether-
lands. The plant history was taken on 28 week old plants.
The instant plant was grown indoors in a 10.5 cm container
and transplanted into the open field in week 20.

Color references are primarily to The R.H.S. Colour Chart
of The Royal Horticultural Society of London, edition 2001.

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

Plants of the new *Osteospermum* differ primarily from the
plants of the female parent 'C0030-2' in the following
characteristics:

Plants of the new *Osteospermum* have a more intense
purple flower color, a better spreading performance, and are
more floriferous throughout the summer than plants of the
female parent 'C0030-2.'

TABLE 1

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NEW CULTIVAR 'OSLALIPU'
AND A SIMILAR CULTIVAR

	'Oslalipu'	'Sea side' (U.S. Pat. No. PP 10,782)
Plant height	20 cm	27 cm
Plant width	75 cm	50-60 cm
Flower color	77C	77D
Flower size	5 cm	6 cm

The plant:

Classification.—Botanical: *Osteospermum ecklonis*.

Parentage:

Female parent.—Proprietary seedling selection
'C0030-2.'

Male parent.—Female is open pollinated so male is
unknown.

Plant description:

Growth habit.—Spreading.

Plant height.—20 cm.

Spreading area of plant.—75 cm.

Strength.—Moderate growth.

Branching character.—Freely branching, 16 lateral
branches without pinching.

Blooming period.—From May until October.

The stem:

Length.—35 cm.

Diameter.—5 mm.

Internode length.—5-20 mm.

Texture.—Glabrous.

Color.—RHS 145A.

The foliage:

Shape.—Single leaves, alternate and elliptic, apex: broadly acute base: attenuate, margin: irregular serration.

Number of leaves per lateral branch.—70.

Texture.—Glabrous, leathery.

Leaf.—Color — Upper side: RHS 137B. Color — Under side: RHS 137C. Length: Young 30-35 mm, mature 70-90 mm. Width: Young 4-6 mm, mature 15-30 mm.

Petiole.—Absent.

The inflorescence:

Number of inflorescences per mature plant.—60.

Inflorescence bud.—Form: Ovoid. Length: 10-12 mm. Width: 6-10 mm. Color: RHS 151C.

Inflorescence lastingness on the plant.—Around 5 days depending on the temperature.

Inflorescence.—Diameter: 50 mm. Disc diameter: 8 mm.

Inflorescence depth.—12 mm.

Fragrance.—No fragrance.

Disc florets.—Shape: Tubular, elongated. Apex: Five pointed. Length: 8 mm. Width: 1 mm. Number of disc florets per inflorescence: 55. Color: RHS 99B.

Ray florets.—Length: 26 mm. Width: 7 mm. Shape: Capitulum with one series of ray florets. Color Upper surface: RHS 77C. Lower surface: RHS 79C with Stripes 79A. Number of ray florets: 17-19. Shape: Elliptic. Apex: Rounded. Base: Acute. Margin: Entire. Texture: Satiny.

Peduncles.—Length: 10-14 cm. Texture: Sturdy, tiny hairs. Color: RHS N144C. Diameter: 2 mm. Shape: Round.

Phyllaries.—Texture: Rough, tiny hairs. Number of phyllaries: 14-16. Color: RHS 146B. Length: 10 mm. Margin: Entire. Width: 1 mm. Apex: Acute. Shape: Ligulate. Color: RHS 146C both sides.

Reproductive organs:

Androecium.—Appearance: Present on disc florets only. Shape: Oblong, five stamens fused to one. Length: 2 mm. Width: 1 mm. Pollen color: RHS 23A. Total no. of anthers: 60.

Gynoecium.—Appearance: Present on both ray and disc florets. Pistil number: One pistil per ray or disc floret. Pistil length: 4 mm. Stigma color: RHS N77A. Stigma shape: Bipartite. Style color: N77A.

Seed development: Seed development has been observed on plants of the new *Osteospermum*.

Amount of seeds produced.—Moderate.

Seed length.—5 mm.

Diameter.—3 mm.

Color.—RHS 200A.

Shape.—Elliptic.

Disease resistance: Under commercial conditions, plants of the new *Osteospermum* are resistant to fungal pathogens common to *Osteospermum*.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Osteospermum* plant named 'Oslalipu,' substantially as illustrated and described herein.

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