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CALIBRACHOA PLANT NAMED 'KLECA08182'

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ABSTRACT

A new Calibrachoa plant named 'KLECA08182' particularly distinguished by double yellow flowers and an upright, compact and tight growth habit, is disclosed.

1 Drawing Sheet

Genus and species: Calibrachoa hybrid. Variety denomination: 'KLECA08182'.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new and distinct cultivar of Calibrachoa, botanically known as Calibrachoa hybrid and hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name 'KLECA08182'. The new cultivar originated from a hybridization made between May to September 2005 in Stuttgart, 10 Germany. The female parent was the proprietary Calibrachoa plant 'CA050643' (unpatented), while the male parent was the proprietary Calibrachoa plant 'X 278' (unpatented).

The new cultivar was first propagated in May 2006 by vegetative cuttings in Stuttgart, Germany and has been asexu- 15 ally reproduced by vegetative cuttings in Stuttgart, Germany over a two and one-half year period. The present invention has been found to retain its distinctive characteristics through successive asexual propagations.

Plant Breeder's Rights for this cultivar have been applied ²⁰ for in Switzerland on Aug. 5, 2008 and in Canada on Jan. 31, 2008. 'KLECA08182' has not been made publicly available more than one year prior to the filing date of this application.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The following are the most outstanding and distinguishing characteristics of this new cultivar when grown under normal horticultural practices in Stuttgart, Germany.

- 1. Double yellow flowers; and
- 2. An upright, compact and tight growth habit.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

This new Calibrachoa plant is illustrated by the accompanying photograph which shows flowers and foliage of the plant; the colors shown are as true as can be reasonably obtained by conventional photographic procedures.

The photograph is of a five-month-old *Calibrachoa* plant, ₄₀ grown in a greenhouse in Stuttgart, Germany, between January and May 2008.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW CULTIVAR

The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinctive characteristics of 'KLECA08182'. The data which defines these characteristics were collected from asexual reproductions carried out in Stuttgart, Germany. The plant history was taken on five-month old, un-pinched plants which were planted as rooted cuttings in 11-cm pots between January and May 2008 and then grown in a greenhouse. Color readings were taken under natural light. Color references are primarily to The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal Horticultural Society of London (R.H.S.) (2001).

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW PLANT

Classification:

Family.—Solanaceae.

Botanical.—Calibrachoa hybrid.

Common.—Calibrachoa.

Parentage:

Female.—The Calibrachoa proprietary plant 'CA050643' (unpatented), having double, light pink flowers.

Male.—The proprietary Calibrachoa plant 'X 278' (unpatented), having creamy lemon colored, single flowers.

Growth:

Form.—Compact.

Habit.—Upright.

Height (measured from the top of the soil).—13.0 cm. Width (horizontal plant diameter).—14.0 cm.

Time to produce a finished flowering plant.—11 weeks.

Outdoor plant performance.—Drought tolerant.

Time to initiate and develop roots.—16 days.

Root description.—Moderate density, freely branching with white roots.

Stems:

Length of basal branches.—12.0 cm. Internode length.—1.5 cm.

Diameter of branches (from midpoint).—4.0 cm to 6.0 cm. Stem color.—RHS 145A. *Texture.*—Smooth. Anthocyanin.—No. Pedicel.—Color: RHS 144B. Length: 1.5 cm to 2.0 cm. Diameter: 0.1 cm. Texture: Smooth. Leaves: Arrangement.—Alternate.

Size.—Length: 1.0 cm to 2.5 cm. Width: 0.3 cm to 0.8 10 cm.

Shape.—Elliptic.

Apex.—Broadly acute.

Base.—Attenuate.

Margin.—Entire.

Color.—Immature and mature: Upper surface: RHS 137A. Lower surface: RHS 137C.

Texture (both surfaces).—Smooth.

Venation.—Pinnate.

Venation color (both surfaces).—RHS 144A.

Petioles.—Absent.

Flower bud:

Shape.—Irregular to oblong.

Size.—Length: 1.5 cm. Diameter: 0.5 cm.

Color at tight bud.—RHS 1A.

Inflorescence:

Blooming habit.—Continuous flowering during summertime.

Inflorescence type.—Double.

Floret type.—Flat.

Lastingness of individual blooms on the plant.—6 days. Fragrance.—Absent.

Flowers:

Immature flower.—Diameter: Horizontal: 1.5 cm. Vertical: 1.5 cm. Color: Upper surface: RHS 2A. Lower 35 surface: RHS 2C.

Mature flower.—Diameter: Horizontal: 2.0 cm. Vertical: 1.7 cm. Color: Upper surface: RHS 2A. Lower surface: RHS 2C.

Corolla tube.—Color inside: RHS 7A. Color outside: RHS 7C. Tube length: 1.2 cm. Outside texture: Smooth. Inside texture: Smooth.

Petals.—Apex: Obverse. Base: Open, fusing into the tube. Margin: Entire. Waviness of petals: Weak. Lobation: Weak. Texture (both surfaces): Smooth.

Sepals.—Calyx (form): Rosette. Shape: Lanceolate. Apex: Acute. Base: Open, tube fused into the base. Margin: Entire. Length: 1.1 cm. Width: 0.2 cm. Color: Upper surface: RHS 138A. Lower surface: RHS 138B. Texture (both surfaces): Smooth.

Reproductive organs:

Stamens—Absent.

Pistils.—Number: 1. Length: 0.6 cm. Diameter: 0.1 cm. Stigma color: RHS 150A. Style color: RHS 150C.

Fruit and seed set: No seed set observed.

Disease and insect resistance: No particular resistance or susceptibility has been observed.

COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL AND COMMERCIAL CULTIVARS

'KLECA08182' differs from the female parent 'CA050643' (unpatented) in that 'KLECA08182' has double 25 yellow flowers, while 'CA050643' has double light pink flowers.

'KLECA08182' differs from the male parent 'X 278' in that 'KLECA08182' has double yellow flowers, while 'X 278' has single creamy lemon colored, single flowers.

'KLECA08182' differs from the commercial cultivar 'KLECA06098' (U.S. Plant patent application Ser. No. 12/002,478, Abandoned) in that 'KLECA08182' has double flowers, while 'KLECA06098' has single flowers.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Calibrachoa* plant named 'KLECA08182' as shown and described herein.

