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- (54) **PENTAS PLANT NAMED ‘PEZZ0003’**
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Varietal Denomination: **PEZZ0003**
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ABSTRACT

A new *Pentas* plant named ‘PEZZ0003’ particularly distinguished by the large sized corymbs with medium red-purple colored flowers, dark yellow-green foliage, vigorous and upright habit with strong branches, and tolerates hot, summer conditions.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Latin name of the genus and species of the plant claimed:
Pentas lanceolata.
Varietal denomination: ‘PEZZ0003’.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new *Pentas*, botanically known as *Pentas lanceolata*, and hereinafter referred to by the variety name ‘PEZZ0003’.

‘PEZZ0003’ is a product of a planned breeding program. The new cultivar ‘PEZZ0003’ has large sized inflorescences with medium red-purple colored flowers, dark yellow-green foliage, vigorous and upright habit with strong branches, and tolerates hot, summer conditions.

‘PEZZ0003’ originates from a hybrid cross made in a breeding program in October 2007 in a greenhouse in Gilroy, Calif. The female parent was an unpatented, proprietary plant identified as ‘206-4’ with cherry colored flowers.

The male parent of ‘PEZZ0003’ was an unpatented, proprietary plant identified as ‘209-2’ with slightly lighter lavender flower color when compared to ‘PEZZ0003’. The resultant seed was sown in May 2008 in a greenhouse in Gilroy, Calif.

‘PEZZ0003’ was selected as one flowering plant within the progeny of the stated cross in September 2008 in Gilroy, Calif.

The first act of asexual reproduction of ‘PEZZ0003’ was accomplished when vegetative cuttings were propagated from the initial selection in September 2008 in a greenhouse in Gilroy, Calif.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF INVENTION

Horticultural examination of plants grown from cuttings of the plant initiated in September 2008 in Gilroy, Calif., and continuing thereafter, has demonstrated that the combination

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of characteristics as herein disclosed for ‘PEZZ0003’ are firmly fixed and are retained through successive generations of asexual reproduction.

‘PEZZ0003’ has not been observed under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary significantly with variations in environment such as temperature, light intensity, and day length.

A Plant Breeder’s Right for this cultivar was applied for in Canada on Nov. 2, 2012 (12-7780). ‘PEZZ0003’ has not been made publicly available more than one year prior to the filing of this application.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be basic characteristics of the new variety. The combination of these characteristics distinguishes this *Pentas* as a new and distinct variety.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying photographic drawing shows typical flower and foliage characteristics of ‘PEZZ0003’ with colors being as true as possible with an illustration of this type.

The photographic drawing shows two flowering plants of the new variety growing in one container and a close-up of a flower.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The plant descriptions, measurements and photographs were taken in Gilroy, Calif. in mid April 2013 under natural light. These plants were approximately 16-18 weeks old and were grown two plants per one gallon container in a greenhouse trial.

Color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart (R.H.S.) 2001.

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very pubescent. Ovary color: Closest to RHS N144A.
Ovary length: 0.15 cm. Ovary diameter: 0.15 cm.

Androecium.—Number of stamens: 5, with filaments fused to the corolla wall. Anther color: RHS 197B. Length of anthers: 0.2 cm. Color of pollen: RHS 155A. Pollen amount: Normal.

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Fertility/seed set: Has not been determined to date.
Disease/pest resistance: Has not been determined to date.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Pentas* plant named ⁵ ‘PEZZ0003’ substantially as illustrated and described herein.

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