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(57) ABSTRACT

A new *phlox* plant particularly distinguished by pink flowers and a compact, upright to outwardly spreading and mounding plant and growth habit, is disclosed.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Genus and species: *Phlox drummondii*. Variety denomination: 'KAZI14750'.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to and the benefit of European Community Plant Variety Rights Application No. 2015/1685, filed Jul. 16, 2015, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new and distinct variety of *phlox*, botanically known as *Phlox drummondii* and 15 hereinafter referred to by the variety name 'KAZI14750'. 'KAZI14750' originated from a controlled-cross in Mijnsheerenland, The Netherlands in summer 2007 between the proprietary female *phlox* variety 'Surphlox 1' (unpatented) and the proprietary male *phlox* variety 'Surphlox 2' (unpatented). Seeds from the cross were obtained and plants were grown for evaluation.

A single plant was selected in August 2008 and subsequently named 'KAZI14750'. In August 2008, 'KAZI14750' was first vegetatively propagated by stem cuttings in Mijnsheerenland, The Netherlands and from September 2008 in Stuttgart, Germany. 'KAZI14750' was found to reproduce true to type in successive generations of asexual propagation via stem cuttings in Stuttgart, Germany.

SUMMARY

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

- 1. Pink flowers; and
- 2. A compact, upright to outwardly spreading and mounding plant and growth habit.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

This new *phlox* plant is illustrated by the accompanying photograph which shows an overall view of the whole plant. The photograph is of an approximately 12-week-old plant grown in Stuttgart, Germany under greenhouse conditions in June 2012.

The colors shown are as true as can be reasonably obtained by conventional photographic procedures.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinctive characteristics of 'KAZI14750'. The data which define these characteristics were collected from asexual reproductions carried out in Stuttgart, Germany. Data was collected on 10-week-old plants after potting in the greenhouse in Stuttgart, Germany. Color references are to The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal Horticultural Society of London (R.H.S.), 5th edition (2007).

Classification:

Family.—Polemoniaceae.

Botanical.—Phlox drummondii.

Designation.—'KAZI14750'.

25 Parentage:

Female parent.—The proprietary female phlox variety 'Surphlox 1' (unpatented).

Male parent.—The proprietary male phlox variety 'Surphlox 2' (unpatented).

30 Propagation:

Type.—Stem cuttings.

Time to initiate roots, summer.—About five days at temperatures of about 20 degrees C.

Time to initiate roots, winter.—About seven days at temperatures of about 20 degrees C.

Time to produce a rooted plant, summer.—About three weeks at temperatures of about 20 degrees C.

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Time to produce a rooted plant, winter.—About four

Perianth.—Present, not achlamydeous.

Petals:

weeks at temperatures of about 20 degrees C. Quantity per flower and arrangement.—Five petals Root description.—Fine, fibrous, white in color. arranged in a single whorl and fused at the base into Rooting habit.—Freely branching, dense. a narrow tube. Plant: Length from throat.—1.0 cm. Plant and growth habit.—Compact, upright to out-*Width.*—1.1 cm. wardly spreading and mounding. Shape.—Spatulate. Plant height.—14.0 cm. *Apex.*—Rounded. Plant width (spread).—17.0 cm. *Margin*.—Entire. Lateral branches or stems: 10 Texture (both upper and lower surfaces).—Smooth, *Length.*—12.0 cm. glabrous. Diameter.—3.0 mm. *Internode length.*—2.0 cm. *Texture of throat.*—Smooth, glabrous. Strength.—Strong. Texture of tube.—Smooth, glabrous. Thickness at middle third.—Thin. Color.—Developing petals: Upper surface: RHS 65A *Texture*.—Pubescent. with RHS 59A eyes. Lower surface: RHS 69C. Fully Color.—RHS 145A. expanded petals: Upper surface: RHS 68A with RHS Anthocyanin.—Absent. 59A eyes. Lower surface: RHS 69B. Flower throat: Leaves: RHS 59A. Flower tube: RHS 60B. Arrangement.—Opposite, simple. Sepals: Length.—3.6 cm. Width of calyx.—0.3 cm. *Width.*—1.6 cm. Length of calyx.—1.4 cm. Shape.—Elliptic. *Apex.*—Apiculate (ending abruptly in a small distinct Quantity per flower and arrangement.—5. point). Length.—1.0 cm. Base.—Truncate to obtuse. Width.—1.0 mm. *Margin*.—Finely serrate. Shape.—Lanceolate. Texture (both upper and lower surfaces).—Smooth, *Apex.*—Narrowly apiculate. glabrous. *Margin*.—Entire. Venation pattern.—Pinnate. Texture (both upper and lower surfaces).—Smooth, Color.—Developing leaves: Upper surface: RHS glabrous. 144A. Lower surface: RHS 143C. Fully expanded Color.—Upper surface: RHS 146B. Lower surface: (mature) leaves: Upper surface: RHS 146A. Lower RHS 146C. surface: RHS 147B. Venation: RHS 145A. Position of broadest part of leaf.—Towards apex. Anthocyanin coloration.—Absent. 35 Shape in cross section.—Concave. Peduncles: Leaf variegation.—Absent. Length.—2.0 cm. Anthocyanin coloration on upper surface.—Absent. Diameter.—3.0 mm. *Undulation of margin.*—Absent or weak. Angle.—Upright. Petiole: Strength.—Strong. Length.—1.0 mm. Texture.—Smooth, glabrous. Diameter.—1.0 mm. Color.—RHS 145A. Texture (both upper and lower surfaces).—Smooth, Pedicels: glabrous. Length.—1.3 cm. Color.—Upper surface: RHS N144B. Lower surface: 45 RHS 145C. Diameter.—1.0 mm. Flower: *Angle.*—30 degrees from the peduncle axis. Flower type and flowering habit.—Single rotate sal-Strength.—Strong. verform flowers arranged in small panicles. *Texture.*—Smooth, glabrous. Quantity of flowers per inflorescence.—Freely flower- 50 Color.—RHS 145A. ing habit with about four flowers per inflorescence. Anthocyanin.—Absent. *Fragrance*.—Moderately fragrant, sweet, pleasant. Reproductive organs: Natural flowering season.—Continuously flowering Stamens.—Quantity per flower: 5. Filament length: 5.0 from summer to late summer in Germany. mm. Filament color: RHS 157B. Anther shape: Postproduction longevity.—Flowers last about three to 55 Oblong. Anther length: 2.0 mm. Anther color: RHS four days on the plant, flowers not persistent. Flower buds.—Height: 8.0 mm. Diameter: 3.0 mm. 14A. Pollen amount: Abundant. Pollen color: RHS Shape: Narrowly obovate. Color: RHS 182C. 14A. *Inflorescence height.*—3.0 cm. *Pistils.*—Quantity per flower: 1. Pistil length: 4.0 mm. *Inflorescence diameter.*—6.5 cm. 60 Stigma shape: Bi-parted. Stigma color: RHS 3B. Flower diameter.—2.5 cm. Style length: 2.0 mm. Style color: RHS 149C. Ovary Flower depth.—1.3 cm. color: RHS 144A. Flower throat diameter.—3.0 mm. Fruit and seed set: Seeds and fruit development have not Flower tube length.—1.2 cm. been observed. Flower tube diameter, at the base.—1.5 mm.

Disease and pest/insect resistance: None observed.

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COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL LINES AND KNOWN VARIETY

'KAZI14750' is distinguished from its parents as described in Table 1:

TABLE 1

Comparison with Parental Varieties				
Trait	'KAZI14750'	Female parent 'Surphlox 1'	Male parent 'Surphlox 2'	
Flower color Habit	Pink Compact, upright to outwardly spreading and mounding plant and growth habit	1 0	Dark pink Semi-trailing, compact	

'KAZI14750' can be compared to the commercial variety 'Phloxy Lady Pink' (patent status unknown). Differences between the two varieties are described in Table 2:

TABLE 2

	Comparison with Similar Variety			
10	Trait	'KAZI14750'	Commercial line 'Phloxy Lady Pink'	
	Habit	Compact, upright to outwardly spreading Strong, upright and mounding plant and growth habit		

I claim:

15 1. A new and distinct variety of *phlox* plant named 'KAZI14750' as illustrated and described herein.

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