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(54) **VERBENA PLANT NAMED ‘KLEVP15481’**

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Varietal Denomination: **KLEVP15481**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new *Verbena* plant particularly distinguished by large pink  
flowers with large white eyes, and a semi-upright growth  
habit, is disclosed.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Genus and species: *Verbenaxhybrida*.  
Variety denomination: ‘KLEVP15481’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT**

The present invention comprises a new and distinct vari-  
ety of *Verbena*, botanically known as *Verbenaxhybrida*, and  
hereinafter referred to by the variety name ‘KLEVP15481’.  
‘KLEVP15481’ originated from a cross-pollination con-  
ducted in January 2011 in Cobbitty, New South Wales,  
Australia between the proprietary female *Verbena* variety  
‘V9113’ (unpatented), and the proprietary male *Verbena*  
variety ‘V974’ (unpatented).

The seeds from the cross were sown and plants were  
grown for evaluation, where an individual plant designated  
‘KLEVP15481’ was selected from the group of plants in  
Cobbitty, New South Wales, Australia in October 2011.

In October 2011, ‘KLEVP15481’ was first vegetatively  
propagated by vegetative stem cuttings in Cobbitty, New  
South Wales, Australia. ‘KLEVP15481’ was found to repro-  
duce true to type in successive generations of asexual  
propagation via vegetative stem cuttings.

**SUMMARY**

The following are the most outstanding and distinguish-  
ing characteristics of this new variety when grown under  
normal horticultural practices in Cobbitty, New South  
Wales, Australia.

1. Large pink flowers with large white eyes; and
2. A semi-upright growth habit.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH**

This new *Verbena* plant is illustrated by the accompany-  
ing photograph which shows the plant’s overall plant habit

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including form, foliage, and flowers. The photograph is of a  
13-week-old plant grown in a greenhouse in Stuttgart,  
Germany in July 2013.

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

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY**

The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinc-  
10 tive characteristics of ‘KLEVP15481’. The data which  
define these characteristics were collected from asexual  
reproductions carried out in Cobbitty, New South Wales,  
Australia. Data was collected on three-month-old plants  
grown in a greenhouse in Cobbitty, New South Wales,  
15 Australia in June 2015 in Cobbitty, New South Wales,  
Australia. Color references are to The R.H.S. Colour Chart  
of The Royal Horticultural Society of London (R.H.S.)  
2007.

**Classification:**

- Family*.—Verbenaceae.
- Botanical*.—*Verbenaxhybrida*.
- Common*.—*Verbena*.
- Designation*.—‘KLEVP15481’.

**Parentage:**

- Female parent*.—The proprietary female *verbena* vari-  
25 ety ‘V9113’ (unpatented).
- Male parent*.—The proprietary male *verbena* variety  
‘V974’ (unpatented).

**Plant:**

- Growth habit*.—Semi-upright.
- Height (from top of soil)*.—36.0 cm.
- Width (horizontal plant diameter)*.—41.0 cm.
- Time to produce a finished flowering plant*.—Approxi-  
30 mately 8 weeks.
- Time to initiate and develop roots*.—3 weeks.
- Root description*.—RHS 155B (White); fine and  
fibrous roots.

## Stems:

*Number of branches per plant.*—Around 20.  
*Length.*—26.0 cm.  
*Diameter.*—0.26 cm.  
*Internode length.*—Approximately 2.5 cm.  
*Color.*—RHS 130D.  
*Anthocyanin.*—Absent.  
*Texture and appearance.*—Pubescent, round.

## Leaves:

*Arrangement.*—Opposite.  
*Immature and mature leaf color.*—Upper surface: RHS 141A. Lower surface: RHS 141C.  
*Length.*—3.5 cm.  
*Width.*—1.4 cm.  
*Shape.*—Lanceolate.  
*Apex.*—Acute.  
*Base.*—Obtuse.  
*Margin.*—Entire.  
*Texture.*—Upper surface: Leathery. Lower surface: Rugose.  
*Venation type.*—Pinnate.  
*Venation color (both upper and lower surfaces).*—RHS 141D.  
*Petioles.*—Length: 0.3 cm. Diameter: 0.1 cm. Color: RHS 141D. Texture: Leathery.

## Flower buds:

*Shape.*—Tall, cylindrical.  
*Length.*—0.5 cm.  
*Diameter.*—0.2 cm.  
*Color (at tight bud).*—RHS N74B.

## Inflorescence:

*Blooming habit (flowering season).*—Continuously.  
*Lastingness of individual blooms on the plant.*—7 to 10 days.  
*Fragrance.*—Absent.  
*Inflorescence type.*—Umbel.  
*Length of inflorescence.*—4.2 cm.  
*Diameter of inflorescence.*—5.4 cm.  
*Number of florets per inflorescence.*—More than 14.  
*Peduncle.*—Color: RHS 141A. Length: 1.1 cm. Diameter: 0.2 cm.

## Florets:

*Length.*—1.6 cm.  
*Diameter.*—2.2 cm.  
*Texture.*—Glossy.  
*Form.*—Single.  
*Corolla tube length.*—1.3 cm.  
*Corolla tube color (outer surface).*—RHS 56A.  
*Petals.*—Length of lobe: 1.4 cm. Diameter of lobe: 1.3 cm. Lobe shape: Round. Apex: Acute. Base: Obtuse. Margin: Entire. Texture (both upper and lower surfaces): Glossy, satiny. Color: Immature: Upper surface: RHS 61C. Lower surface: RHS 63B. Mature: Upper surface: RHS N57C. Lower surface: RHS 70C. Eyes: RHS 155B.  
*Pedicels.*—Not visible.

## Sepals:

*Shape.*—Lanceolate.  
*Apex.*—Acute.  
*Base.*—Obtuse.  
*Margin.*—Entire.  
*Length.*—0.45 cm.  
*Diameter.*—0.36 cm.  
*Color.*—RHS 141C.  
*Texture (both upper and lower surfaces).*—Hairy, dull.

## Reproductive organs:

*Stamens.*—Present. Quantity: 4. Color: RHS 139D. Filament length: 0.5 cm. Filament diameter: 0.1 cm. Anther: Shape: Elliptic. Color: RHS 150B. Length: 0.5 cm. Diameter: 0.2 cm. Pollen amount: Moderate.  
*Pistils.*—Number: 1. Length: 1.1 cm. Diameter: 1.5 cm. Stigma: Color: RHS 144A. Appearance: Ovate. Length: 0.1 cm. Diameter: 0.1 cm. Style: Color: RHS 139C. Length: 0.9 cm. Diameter: 0.1 cm. Appearance: Long.

Fruit and seed set: None observed.

Disease and pest/insect resistance: Good tolerance to powdery mildew (*Podosphaera xanthii*).

## COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL LINES AND KNOWN VARIETY

‘KLEVP15481’ is distinguished from its parents as described in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Comparison with Parental Lines			
Characteristic	‘KLEVP15481’	Female parent ‘V9113’	Male parent ‘V974’
Flower color	Pink	Red	Pink
Flower size	Larger than ‘V9113’ and ‘V974’	Smaller than ‘KLEVP15481’	Smaller than ‘KLEVP15481’

‘KLEVP15481’ is most similar to the commercial *verbena* ‘Balazwilro’, also known commercially as ‘Aztec Wild Rose’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 17,101). Differences between the varieties are described in Table 2.

TABLE 2

Comparison with Similar Variety		
Characteristic	‘KLEVP15481’	‘Balazwilro’
Appearance of eyes	Large, white eyes	Small, white eyes
Immediate color bordering eyes	RHS 76B (Light-violet)	None

I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Verbena* plant designated ‘KLEVP15481’ as illustrated and described herein.

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