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(54) **ANGELONIA PLANT NAMED ‘ANSTEEL’**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Angelonia* plant named  
‘Ansteel’ characterized by its broadly upright plant habit;  
moderately vigorous growth habit; freely branching habit;  
early and freely flowering habit; large purple violet-colored  
flowers; and good garden performance.

**2 Drawing Sheets**

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Botanical designation: *Angelonia angustifolia*.  
Cultivar denomination: ‘ANSTEEL’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar  
of *Angelonia* plant, botanically known as *Angelonia angus-*  
*tifolia* and hereinafter referred to by the name ‘Ansteel’.

The new *Angelonia* plant is a product of a planned  
breeding program conducted by the Inventor in Dresden,  
Germany. The objective of the breeding program is to create  
new freely-flowering *Angelonia* plants with attractive flower  
coloration and long flowering period.

The new *Angelonia* plant originated from a cross-poll-  
ination made by the Inventor during the summer of 2014 in  
Dresden, Germany of two unnamed proprietary selections of  
*Angelonia angustifolia*, not patented. The new *Angelonia*  
plant was discovered and selected by the Inventor as a single  
flowering plant within the progeny of the stated cross-  
pollination in a controlled greenhouse environment in Dres-  
den, Germany during the summer of 2015.

Asexual reproduction of the new *Angelonia* plant by  
terminal cuttings in a controlled greenhouse environment in  
Dresden, Germany since the summer of 2015 has shown that  
the unique features of this new *Angelonia* plant are stable  
and reproduced true to type in successive generations.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Plants of the new *Angelonia* have not been observed  
under all possible combinations of environmental conditions  
and cultural practices. The phenotype may vary somewhat  
with variations in environmental conditions such as tem-  
perature and light intensity without, however, any variance  
in genotype.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and  
are determined to be the unique characteristics of ‘Ansteel’.

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These characteristics in combination distinguish ‘Ansteel’ as  
a new and distinct *Angelonia* plant:

1. Broadly upright plant habit.
2. Moderately vigorous growth habit.
3. Freely branching habit.
4. Early and freely flowering habit.
5. Large purple violet-colored flowers.
6. Good garden performance.

Plants of the new *Angelonia* differ from plants of the  
parent selections primarily in plant and flowering habit as  
plants of the new *Angelonia* are more freely branching and  
freely flowering than plants of the parent selections.

Plants of the new *Angelonia* can be compared to plants of  
*Angelonia hybrida* ‘Lolapi’, disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No.  
26,269. In side-by-side comparisons, plants of the new  
*Angelonia* and ‘Lolapi’ differ primarily in the following  
characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Angelonia* are taller than plants of  
‘Lolapi’.
2. Plants of the new *Angelonia* and ‘Lolapi’ differ in  
flower color as plants of the new *Angelonia* have purple  
violet-colored flowers whereas plants of ‘Lolapi’ have  
light purple-colored flowers.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS**

The accompanying colored photographs illustrate the  
overall appearance of the new *Angelonia* plant showing the  
colors as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored  
reproductions of this type. Colors in the photographs may  
differ slightly from the color values cited in the detailed  
botanical description which accurately describe the colors of  
the new *Angelonia* plant.

The photograph on the first sheet comprises a side per-  
spective view of a typical flowering plant of ‘Ansteel’ grown  
in a container.



The photograph on the second sheet is a close-up view of a typical flowering plant of 'Ansteel'.

#### DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

Plants used for the aforementioned photograph and the following observations, measurements and values were grown during the summer and autumn in 19-cm containers in a glass-covered greenhouse in Dresden, Germany and under cultural practices typical of commercial *Angelonia* production. During the production of the plants, day temperatures were at a minimum of 20° C., night temperatures were at a minimum of 16° C. and light levels ranged from 15 kilolux to 100 kilolux. Plants were pinched two times, two and six weeks after planting rooted young plants. Plants were six months old when the description was taken and seven months old when the photograph was taken. In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 1995 Edition, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

Botanical classification: *Angelonia angustifolia* 'Ansteel'.

Parentage:

*Female, or seed, parent.*—Unnamed proprietary selection of *Angelonia angustifolia*, not patented.

*Male, or pollen, parent.*—Unnamed proprietary selection of *Angelonia angustifolia*, not patented.

Propagation:

*Type.*—By terminal cuttings.

*Time to initiate roots, summer and winter.*—About 20 days at temperatures about 20° C.

*Time to produce a rooted young plant, summer and winter.*—About four weeks at temperatures about 20° C.

*Root description.*—Fine, fibrous; typically white in color, actual color of the roots is dependent on substrate composition, water quality, fertilizers, substrate temperature and age of roots.

*Rooting habit.*—Freely branching; moderately dense.

Plant description:

*Plant form and growth habit.*—Herbaceous perennial; broadly upright plant habit; freely branching habit; when pinched, about five to seven lateral branches develop per plant; moderately vigorous growth habit; moderate growth rate.

*Plant height.*—About 60 cm to 70 cm.

*Plant width (spread).*—About 30 cm.

*Lateral branches.*—Length: About 40 cm to 50 cm.

Diameter: About 5 mm to 6 mm. Internode length:

About 3 cm to 4 cm. Strength: Moderately strong.

Texture: Slightly pubescent. Color: Close to 144A.

Leaf description:

*Arrangement.*—Opposite, decussate; simple; sessile.

*Length.*—About 2 cm to 13 cm.

*Width.*—About 1 cm to 2 cm.

*Shape.*—Lanceolate to oblong.

*Apex.*—Acute.

*Base.*—Attenuate.

*Margin.*—Serrate.

*Texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces.*—

Smooth, glabrous; leathery; glossy.

*Venation pattern.*—Pinnate.

*Color.*—Developing leaves, upper surface: Close to

137A. Developing leaves, lower surface: Close to

137B. Fully expanded leaves, upper surface: Close to

147A; venation, close to 147A. Fully expanded leaves, lower surface: Close to 147B; venation, close to 145D.

Flower description:

*Flower type and flowering habit.*—Single flowers arranged in upright to outward terminal racemes; flowers face mostly outwardly; freely flowering habit; full dense inflorescences.

*Fragrance.*—None detected.

*Natural flowering season.*—Plants begin flowering about nine to ten weeks after planting rooted young plants; in the garden, flowering is continuous from mid-May until frost in Central Europe.

*Postproduction longevity.*—Flowers last about 20 days on the plant; flowers not persistent.

*Flower buds.*—Height: About 5 mm. Diameter: About 5 mm. Shape: Globose. Color: Close to 145B.

*Inflorescence length.*—Inflorescences are indeterminate and continue to grow longer during the flowering season.

*Inflorescence diameter.*—About 7 cm.

*Flower diameter.*—About 2.5 cm by 3 cm.

*Flower length.*—About 1 cm.

*Petals.*—Quantity per flower: Typically five or six in a single whorl; petals fused at the base into a tubular throat. Length: About 1 cm. Width: About 1.5 cm. Shape: Roughly spatulate. Apex: Rounded. Margin: Entire, undulate. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; velvety. Color: When opening and fully opened, upper surface: Close to 82B; color does not change with development. When opening and fully opened, lower surface: Close to 82C; color does not change with development. Throat: Close to 79A and 155D. Tube: Close to 82C.

*Sepals.*—Quantity per flower: Typically five in a single whorl. Length: About 5 mm. Width: About 3 mm. Shape: Lanceolate. Apex: Acute. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color, upper and lower surfaces: Close to 147A.

*Pedicels.*—Length: About 1 cm to 2.5 cm. Diameter: About 1 mm. Angle: Outward to slightly upright, less than 90° from vertical. Strength: Moderately strong; flexible. Texture: Slightly pubescent. Color: Close to 146B.

*Reproductive organs.*—Stamens: Quantity per flower: Typically four. Filament length: About 3 mm. Filament color: Close to 155D. Anther length: About 2 mm. Anther shape: Elliptic. Anther color: Close to 90A. Pollen amount: Moderate. Pollen color: Close to 155D. Pistils: Quantity per flower: One. Pistil length: About 5 mm. Stigma shape: Tapering. Stigma color: Close to 155D. Style length: About 5 mm. Style color: Close to 155D. Ovary color: Close to 142B.

*Fruits.*—Length: About 5 mm. Diameter: About 5 mm. Color: Close to 165D.

*Seeds.*—Quantity per flower: About 30 to 50. Length: Less than 1 mm. Diameter: Less than 1 mm. Color: Light brown.

Disease & pest resistance: To date, plants of the new *Angelonia* have not been noted to be resistant to pathogens and pests common to *Angelonia* plants.

Garden performance: Plants of the new *Angelonia* have been observed to have good garden performance and tolerate rain, wind and temperatures ranging from about 1° C. to 30° C.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct *Angelonia* plant named 'Ansteel' as illustrated and described.

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