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(54) DELOSPERMA PLANT NAMED 'MOUNTAIN DEW'

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(57) ABSTRACT

A new, distinct *Delosperma* plant as illustrated and described, characterized by yellow and white flowers.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Latin name: *Delosperma* spp. Cultivar name: 'Mountain Dew'.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct sport of Delosperma plant named 'Mountain Dew' characterized by yellow and white flowers, compared to the orange and pink of the parent plant. The new *Delosperma* was found at a nursery in a container as a naturally occurring, whole plant 10 sport of *Delosperma* 'Orange Crush', U.S. Plant Pat. No. 30,806, in Hebron, Ill. in 2017. The selection of the new plant was due to its' yellow and white flowers, compared to the orange and pink of the parent plant. Initial asexual reproduction has taken place at a nursery in Hebron, Ill. 15 since 2017 by means of division, and vegetative cuttings. The new *Delosperma* has shown to be stable and identical in reproduction after rooting over 300 plants from 2017 to 2018. No plants of the new *Delosperma* have been sold in this country, or anywhere in the world, prior to the filing of 20 this application, nor has any disclosure of the new plant been made prior to the filing of this application with the exception of that which was disclosed by the inventor and his company, Intrinsic Perennial Gardens, Inc within one year of filing of this application and was derived directly from the 25 inventor.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The new *Delosperma* plant named 'Mountain Dew' characterized by yellow and white flowers, compared to the orange and pink of the parent plant, have been observed to be unique and stable.

Plants of the new *Delosperma* 'Mountain Dew' can be compared to plants of *Delosperma* 'Orange Crush', plant 35 patented applied for. 1. The new *Delosperma* plant has yellow and white flowers, compared to the orange and pink of the parent plant.

Plants of the new *Delosperma* can be compared to plants of *Delosperma* 'Jewel of Desert Topaz' patented, U.S. Plant 40 Pat. No. 23,492. 1. The new *Delosperma* plant has green foliage RHS color 146B and C while *Delosperma* 'Jewel of

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Desert Topaz' plant has a foliage color 143 B and C. 2. The new *Delosperma* plant has flower colors RHS color 7 A on the tips of the petal and 155 C at the base of the petal while *Delosperma* 'Jewel of Desert Topaz' plant has flower colors in a blend of 26 A and 14 A, base 75 B to 75 C blending with 155 A, and apex flushed with 178 B.

DESCRIPTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Plants pictured in the drawing were grown for one year. FIG. 1. Close up of the foliage and flower.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart (2001). Plants used for the description were grown for one year. Measurements and numerical values represent averages of typical plants.

Botanical classification: *Delosperma* cultivar 'Mountain Dew'.

Parentage: A whole plant sport of *Delosperma* 'Orange Crush'.

Propagation: Vegetative division and cutting propagation. Plant description: Overall habit of the new *Delosperma* is basal clumps, with stems topped by yellow and white flowers May through June.

Plant height.—Average 3 cm.

Plant width.—25 cm.

Growth habit.—Moderately vigorous.

Stem color.—165 A in spring, summer, and fall.

Stem shape.—Both typical and observed — round.

Stem texture.—Glabrous, slightly glossy. Stem length.—3 cm, Stem diameter — 3 mm.

Internode length.—10 mm.

Roots.—Fibrous.

Foliage:

Type.—Succulent.

Leaf division.—Simple.

Leaf attachment.—Sessile.

Shape.—Linear.

Petiole.—None.

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Length.—17 mm. Width.-4 mm. Thickness.—3 mm. *Margin*.—Entire. Leaf apex, typical and observed.—Acute. Leaf bases, typical and observed.—Cuneate. *Texture*.—Rounded. Leaf arrangement.—Alternate, crowded. Leaf venation pattern.—None. 10 Leaf vein color.—None. Adaxial leaf description.—Color is 146 B at the tip; 146 C below the tip. Abaxial leaf description.—Color is 146 B at the tip; 146 C below the tip. 15 Fall foliage color.—None noticed. Flower: Aspect.—Outward to upright. Inflorescence type.—Single on basal flowering stems. *Inflorescence size.*—27 mm across, 13 mm tall. 20 Flower number.—1 per stem, 10 per plant. Flower longevity.—A few days. Bloom period and duration.—May to June; sporadically to November. Blooming habit.—Solitary on up to 3 cm stems. *Petal count.*—30, Petal arrangement — rotate, Petal ²⁵ shape — lanceolate. Adaxial petal color.—7 A in center and on the edge of petal with 155 C at base. Abaxial petal color.—7 A at the tip of the petal; 155 C from the center to the base. Petal apex shape.—Obtuse. Petal bases, typical and observed.—Acute, 1 mm wide. *Petal length.*—13 mm, Petal width — 2 mm. Petal margin, typical and observed.—Entire. Petaloid.—Rotate near vertical and placed around sta- 35 mens, average of 30, lanceolate in shape, margin entire, apex obtuse, base truncate, upper and lower surface smooth, average of 4 mm in length and 1 mm in width, color upper and lower mature and immature surface; 62 D blended with 155 A, non-fading. 40 Bud shape, typical and observed.—Elliptical. Bud length, typical and observed.—7 mm.

Bud diameter, typical and observed.—6 mm.

Bud color, typical and observed.—146 C. Sepal size.—2 mm across, 6 mm tall, Sepal number --5. Sepal shape, typical and observed.—Lanceolate. Sepal apex, typical and observed.—Acute. Sepal base, typical and observed.—Acute. Sepal margin, typical and observed.—Entire. Sepal surface, typical and observed.—Smooth. Sepal color, abaxial and adaxial typical and observed.—146 C. Peduncle length, typical and observed.—17 mm. Peduncle diameter, typical and observed.—2 mm. Peduncle color, typical and observed.—Close to 145 C. Peduncle surface, typical and observed.—Glossy. Carpel color.—146 B. Carpel surfaces.—Glabrous. Stigma.—Shape — triangular, size — 1 mm, Color 146 Style.—Length — 2 mm, shape — slender, Color 146 Ovary.—Size — 1 mm long, shape — cordate, Color 146 C. Stamens.—Less than 1 mm across, 2 mm long, quantity — 60, Anthers 60. Anthers.—Dorsifixed and narrow oblong in shape, color — 21 B. Pollen color.—Close to 21 B. Scent.—No scent noticed. Fertility.—None observed. Fruit.—Brown, 3 mm across, 4 mm tall. Seed — none observed. *Hardiness.*—U.S.D.A. hardiness zones 5-10. Disease resistance.—Resistance to diseases common to *Delosperma* has not been observed on plants grown under nursery conditions. Pest resistance.—Resistance to pests common to Delosperma has not been observed on plants grown

I claim:

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