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(54) **PELARGONIUM PLANT NAMED**
‘KLEPZ21615’

(50) Latin Name: *Pelargonium peltatum* (L.) L’Hér. ex
Aiton x *Pelargonium zonale* (L.)
L’Hér. ex Aiton
Varietal Denomination: **KLEPZ21615**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new *Pelargonium* plant particularly distinguished by
single, pink-purple flowers with a red eye, is disclosed.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Genus and species: *Pelargonium peltatum* (L.) L’Hér. ex
Aiton x *Pelargonium zonale* (L.) L’Hér. ex Aiton.
Variety denomination: ‘KLEPZ21615’.

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED
APPLICATION**

This patent application claims the benefit of priority from
Switzerland Plant Breeders Rights Application No. 21-3441
as filed on Jun. 2, 2021, the contents of which is incorporated
herein by reference for all it teaches and discloses.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new and distinct vari-
ety of *Pelargonium*, botanically known as *Pelargonium*
peltatum (L.) L’Hér. ex Aiton x *Pelargonium zonale* (L.)
L’Hér. ex Aiton and hereinafter referred to by the variety
name ‘KLEPZ21615’. ‘KLEPZ21615’ originated from a
hand-pollination in July 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya between the
female *Pelargonium* variety ‘Sil Raiko’ (patent status
unknown) and the male *Pelargonium* variety ‘Wild Salmon’
(patent status unknown).

Seeds from the hand-pollination were obtained. The seeds
were sown and plants were grown for evaluation. A single
plant was selected in June 2017 and subsequently named
‘KLEPZ21615’. In July 2017 ‘KLEPZ21615’ was first veg-
etatively propagated by vegetative stem cuttings in Stuttgart,
Germany. ‘KLEPZ21615’ was found to reproduce true to
type in successive generations of asexual propagation via
vegetative cuttings in Stuttgart, Germany.

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SUMMARY

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

1. Single, pink-purple flowers with a red eye.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

This new *Pelargonium* plant is illustrated by the accom-
panying photograph which shows an overall view of the
plant in a pot. The photograph is of an approximately
14-week-old plant grown indoors in Stuttgart, Germany, in
March 2022. The colors shown are as true as can be
reasonably obtained by conventional photographic proce-
dures.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinc-
tive characteristics of ‘KLEPZ21615’. The data which
define these characteristics were collected from asexual
reproductions carried out in Stuttgart, Germany. Data was
collected on 3-month-old plants in Stuttgart, Germany under
greenhouse conditions in March 2022. Color references are
to The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal Horticultural
Society of London (R.H.S.), 6th edition (2015).

Classification:

Family.—Geraniaceae.

Botanical.—*Pelargonium peltatum* (L.) L’Hér. ex
Aiton x *Pelargonium zonale* (L.) L’Hér. ex Aiton.

Common.—*Pelargonium*.

Designation.—‘KLEPZ21615’.

Parentage:

Female parent.—‘Sil Raiko’ (patent status unknown).

Male parent.—‘Wild Salmon’ (patent status unknown).

Plant:
Form.—Bushy.
Habit.—Mounding.
Height (from top of soil).—12.0 cm.
Width (horizontal plant diameter).—18.0 cm. 5
Natural flowering season.—March to October.
Propagation type.—Vegetative by stem cuttings.
Time to produce a finished flowering plant.—12 weeks.
Time to initiate and develop roots.—4 weeks.
Root description.—Fine, dense, RHS N155A (White). 10

Stems:
Quantity of stems per plant.—3.
Color.—RHS 138A.
Surface texture.—Pubescent, sparse.
Stem form.—Round. 15
Diameter.—0.9 cm.
Length.—8.0 cm.
Internode length.—1.0 cm.
Anthocyanin.—Present.

Leaves: 20
Arrangement.—Alternate.
Shape.—Reniform.
Apex.—Round.
Base.—Open.
Margin.—Crenate. 25
Surface texture.—Upper surface: Sparsely pubescent.
Lower surface: Sparsely pubescent.
Length.—6.2 cm.
Width.—7.0 cm.
Color.—Upper surface: RHS N137A. Lower surface: 30
RHS 137B.
Petiole.—Length: 4.0 cm. Diameter: 0.3 cm. Color:
RHS 137B. Strength: Medium.
Venation pattern.—Palmate.
Venation color.—Upper surface: RHS 138A. Lower 35
surface: RHS 143C.
Zonation.—Absent.

Inflorescence:
Lastingness of flowers on the plant.—6 to 8 days. 40
Flower type.—Single.
Umbels.—Quantity of umbels per plant: 5 to 7. Length:
5.5 cm. Diameter: 9.5 cm.
Individual florets of the umbel.—Quantity of florets per
umbel: 5 to 7. Depth: 1.5 cm. Diameter: 4.7.
Fragrance.—Absent. 45

Flower buds:
Cluster shape.—Round.
Cluster size.—Length: 1.2 cm. Width: 1.5 cm.
Surface texture.—Moderately pubescent.
Bud.—Height: 1.2 cm. Width: 1.5 cm. Shape: Round. 50
Apex: Acute. Base: Obtuse. Margin: Entire. Color:
RHS 138A.

Petals:
Quantity per flower.—5.
Shape.—Spatulate. 55
Apex.—Round.
Base.—Obtuse.
Margin.—Entire.
Length.—2.5 cm.
Width.—2.3 cm.
Surface texture.—Upper surface: Smooth. Lower sur- 60
face: Smooth.
Color of lobes.—Upper lobes: Upper surface: RHS
63C (margin and center), RHS 46B (spot). Lower
surface: RHS 73A. Lower lobes: Upper surface:
RHS 63C (margin and center), RHS 46B (spot). 65
Lower surface: RHS 73A.

Petaloids: Absent.
Sepals:
Number per flower.—5.
Shape.—Elliptic.
Apex.—Acute.
Base.—Obtuse.
Margin.—Entire.
Surface texture.—Upper surface: Smooth. Lower sur-
face: Moderately pubescent.
Color.—Upper surface: RHS 144A. Lower surface:
RHS 146A.
Length: 1.2 cm.
Width.—0.3 cm.
Pedicel:
Length.—3.0 cm.
Diameter.—0.2 cm.
Color.—RHS 177A.
Surface texture.—Sparsely pubescent.
Strength.—Medium.
Peduncle:
Length.—6.0 cm.
Diameter.—0.4 cm.
Color.—RHS 148A.
Texture.—Moderately pubescent.
Strength.—Medium.
Reproductive organs: 25
Stamens.—Quantity per flower: 5. Anther length: 0.2
cm. Filament length: 0.6 cm. Filament color: RHS
69C. Pollen amount: Moderate. Pollen color: RHS
173B.
Pistils.—Number: 1. Stigma color: RHS 67A. Style
length: 0.5 cm. Style color: RHS 67A. Ovary
arrangement: Central. Ovary color: RHS 143A.
Ovary diameter: 0.2 cm. Ovary length: 0.5 cm.
Fruit and seed set: None observed.
Disease and pest/insect resistance: None observed.

COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL LINES AND
KNOWN VARIETY

‘KLEPZ21615’ is distinguished from its parents as
described in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Comparison with Parental Lines			
Characteristic	‘KLEPZ21615’	Female parent ‘Sit Raiko’	Male parent ‘Wild Salmon’
Flower color	Pink-purple with red eye	Lavender with magenta eye	Salmon with red eye

‘KLEPZ21615’ can be compared to the commercial vari-
ety ‘Claudio Rose Eye’ (patent status unknown). Differences
between the two varieties are described in Table 2:

TABLE 2

Comparison with Similar Variety		
Characteristic	‘KLEPZ21615’	‘Claudio Rose Eye’
Flower type	Single	Semi-double
Flower color	Pink-purple with red eye	Purple-pink with red eye

We claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Pelargonium* plant named
‘KLEPZ21615’ as illustrated and described herein.

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