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(54) **PELARGONIUM PLANT NAMED**
'KLEPZ17487'

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Varietal Denomination: **KLEPZ17487**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new *pelargonium* plant particularly distinguished by light
pink flowers with pink eyes, an upright habit, and good
branching, is disclosed.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Genus and species: *Pelargonium zonale*.
Variety denomination: 'KLEPZ17487'.

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED
APPLICATION**

The present application claims priority to Switzerland
Plant Variety Protection Application No. 17-3149, as filed on
May 24, 2017, the entire contents are herein incorporated by
reference for all the application teaches and discloses. A
European Community Plant Variety Protection Application
was filed on May 30, 2017, Application No. 2017/1440.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new and distinct variety
of *pelargonium*, botanically known as *Pelargonium*
zonale and hereinafter referred to by the variety name
'KLEPZ17487'. 'KLEPZ17487' originated from an open
pollination in June 2012 in Stuttgart, Germany between an
unknown male *pelargonium* and the female proprietary
pelargonium variety PIP-2012-8901 (unpatented).

Seeds from the open pollination were obtained and sown
and plants were grown for evaluation. A single plant was
selected in June 2013 and subsequently named
'KLEPZ17487'. In September 2013 'KLEPZ17487' was
first vegetatively propagated in Stuttgart, Germany by veg-
etative cuttings from branches. 'KLEPZ17487' was found to
reproduce true to type in successive generations of asexual
propagation via vegetative cuttings in Stuttgart, Germany.

SUMMARY

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

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1. Light pink with pink eye flowers;
2. Upright habit; and
3. Good branching.

5 DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

This new *pelargonium* plant is illustrated by the accom-
panying photograph which shows an overall view of the
plant. The photograph is of an approximately 10 week old
plant old plant grown in Stuttgart, Germany under glass-
house conditions in November 2016. The colors shown are
as true as can be reasonably obtained by conventional
photographic procedures.

15 DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinc-
tive characteristics of 'KLEPZ17487'. The data which
define these characteristics were collected from asexual
reproductions carried out in Stuttgart, Germany. Data was
collected on plants grown three months after planting in
Stuttgart, Germany under a glass covered greenhouse in
April 2018. 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.—Geraniaceae.

Botanical.—*Pelargonium zonale*.

Common.—*Pelargonium*.

Designation.—'KLEPZ17487'.

Parentage:

Female.—PIP-2012-8901 (unpatented).

Male.—Unknown.

Plant:

Form.—Bushy and mounding.
Habit.—Upright.
Height.—14.0 cm.
Spread.—19.5 cm.
Natural flowering season.—April to October.
Propagation type.—Vegetative cuttings.
Time to produce a finished flowering plant.—3 months.
Time to initiate and develop roots.—4 weeks.
Root description.—White, dense, and fine.

Stems:

Quantity of stems per plant.—3 to 5.
Color.—RHS 144A.
Surface texture.—Moderately pubescent.
Stem form.—Round.
Diameter.—0.6 cm to 1.0 cm.
Length.—9.0 cm to 12.0 cm.
Internode length.—1.0 cm to 3.0 cm.
Anthocyanin.—Absent.

Leaves:

Arrangement.—Alternate.
Shape.—Reniform.
Apex.—Round.
Base.—Slightly open.
Margin.—Crenate.
Texture (both surfaces).—Moderately pubescent.
Length.—4.0 cm to 6.0 cm.
Width.—6.0 cm to 9.0 cm.
Color.—Upper surface: RHS 137B. Lower surface: RHS 138A.
Zonation.—Absent.
Petiole.—Length: 4.0 cm to 5.0 cm. Diameter: 0.3 cm to 0.4 cm. Color: RHS 138A. Strength: Moderate.
Venation pattern.—Palmate.
Venation color.—Upper surface: RHS 137B. Lower surface: RHS 138B.

Inflorescence:

Lastingness of flowers on the plant.—2 weeks.
Umbels.—Quantity of umbels per plant: 6 to 7. Length: 6.5 cm. Diameter: 11.0 cm.
Individual florets of the umbel.—Quantity of florets per umbel: 8 to 16. Depth: 2.5 cm. Diameter: 4.5 cm.
Fragrance.—Absent.

Flower buds:

Cluster shape.—Round.
Cluster size.—Length: 1.5 cm. Width: 2.0 cm.
Surface texture.—Sparsely pubescent.
Bud.—Height: 0.5 cm to 1.0 cm. Width: 0.4 cm to 0.5 cm. Shape: Elliptic. Apex: Acute. Base: Obtuse. Margin: Entire. Color: RHS 138B.

Petals:

Quantity per flower.—5.
Shape.—Spatulate.
Apex.—Round.
Base.—Obtuse.
Margin.—Entire.
Length.—3.0 cm.
Width.—2.7 cm.
Texture (both surfaces).—Smooth.
Color of lobes.—Upper lobes: Upper surface: Border of 1.0 cm colored RHS 62D, eye of 1.5 cm colored RHS N57A. Lower surface: RHS 62D. Lower lobes: Upper surface: Border of 1.0 cm colored RHS 62D, eye of 1.5 cm colored RHS N57A. Lower surface: RHS 62D.

Petaloids: Absent.

Sepals:

Number per flower.—5.
Shape.—Elliptic.
Apex.—Acute.
Base.—Obtuse.
Margin.—Entire.
Surface texture.—Upper surface: Smooth. Lower surface: Sparsely pubescent.
Color (both surfaces).—RHS 138B.
Length.—1.5 cm.
Width.—0.5 cm.

Pedicel:

Length.—3.0 cm.
Diameter.—0.2 cm.
Color.—RHS 138B.
Surface texture.—Sparsely pubescent.
Strength.—Moderate.

Peduncle:

Length.—9.0 cm.
Diameter.—0.5 cm.
Color.—RHS 138A.
Surface texture.—Sparsely pubescent.
Strength.—Moderate.

Reproductive organs:

Stamens.—Quantity of stamens per flower: 6. Anther length: 0.2 cm. Filament length: 0.3 cm. Filament color: RHS 62D. Pollen amount: Moderate. Pollen color: RHS 28A.
Pistils.—Number: 1. Stigma color: RHS 38A. Style length: 0.2 cm. Style color: RHS 38A. Ovary arrangement: Central. Ovary color: RHS 138B. Ovary diameter: 0.2 cm. Ovary length: 0.4 cm.

Fruit and seed set: None observed.

Disease and pest/insect resistance: None observed.

COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL LINE AND KNOWN VARIETY

‘KLEPZ17487’ is distinguished from its female parent as described in Table 1:

TABLE 1

Comparison with Female Parental Line		
Characteristic	‘KLEPZ17487’	Female PIP-2012-8901
Flower Color	Light pink with a pink eye	Pink
Vigour	Medium	Strong

‘KLEPZ17487’ can be compared to the commercial variety AMERICANA ‘White Splash’, (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 9,317). Differences between the two varieties are described in Table 2:

TABLE 2

Comparison with Similar Variety		
Characteristic	‘KLEPZ17487’	Commercial line AMERICANA ‘White Splash’
Flower Color	Light pink with a pink eye	White with a pink eye
Branching	Good	Low

We claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of *pelargonium* plant named 'KLEPZ17487' as illustrated and described herein.

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