



APPLICATIONS UNDER EXAMINATION

AZALEA

AZALEA (*Rhododendron*)

Proposed denomination: 'HORT9201'
Trade name: Carmen Rosy
Application number: 07-5833
Application date: 2007/04/02
Applicant: Hortibreed NV, Lochristi, Belgium
Agent in Canada: Variety Rights Management, Oxford Station, Ontario
Breeder: Johan Vanderhaegen, Hortibreed NV, Lochristi, Belgium

Variety used for comparison: 'Timeless'

Summary: *The mature leaf of 'HORT9201' is medium to broad while that of 'Timeless' is narrow to medium width. The inflorescence of 'HORT9201' has very few to few flowers while that of 'Timeless' has medium to many flowers. The flowers of 'HORT9201' have many petals while those of 'Timeless' have few to medium number of petals.*

Description:

YOUNG LEAF: medium green upper side

MATURE LEAF: medium length, narrow to broad, strongly ovate, dark green upper side, medium green lower side, acuminate apex

INFLORESCENCE: very few to few flowers, medium pedicel

FLOWER: small to medium diameter, wide funnel-shaped, absent or very weak fragrance, double type corolla, many petals, calyx with absent or very weak transformation of sepals to petals

COROLLA LOBE: blue pink (RHS 67D) margin on upper side, blue pink (RHS 67D) middle on upper and lower sides, weak undulation of margin

COROLLA THROAT: weakly conspicuous blue pink (RHS 67B) spots not touching each other, lighter colour when compared to middle zone of upper side of corolla lobe

TIME OF FLOWERING: very late

Origin and Breeding: 'HORT9201' originated from the hybridization of the female or seed parent, *Rhododendron simsii* 'Helmuth Vogel' and the male parent, *Rhododendron obtusum* 'Rose Bud' in Belgium in 1992. The objective of the breeding program was to develop new *Rhododendron* varieties with interesting and unique flower and foliage colour and long flower longevity. 'HORT9201' was selected in 1994 from the progeny of the cross for its leaf retention, double light pink flowers, flowering life, winter hardiness and vigorous growth.

Tests and Trials: The detailed description of 'HORT9201' is based on the UPOV report of Technical Examination, CPVO reference number 20050418. The trials were conducted by the Bundessortenamt, in Bad Zwischenahn/Rethmar, Germany in 2006. Colour determinations were made using the 2001 Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Colour Chart.



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