



APPLICATIONS UNDER EXAMINATION

CROWN OF THORNS

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(*Euphorbia milii*)

**Proposed denomination:** '1201ZEU'  
**Application number:** 15-8769  
**Application date:** 2015/12/08  
**Applicant:** Hjortebjerg Plant Licence A/S, Søndersø, Denmark  
**Agent in Canada:** Variety Rights Management, Oxford Station, Ontario  
**Breeder:** Steen Juul Thomsen, Hjortebjerg Plant Licence A/S, Søndersø, Denmark

**Description:**

PLANT: medium height, medium to broad, medium to many lateral shoots, flowering shoot erect to semi-erect

STEM: medium to thick, spines grouped, longest spines of medium length

LEAF: long, medium to broad, dark green upper side, red lower side

PEDUNCLE: medium length, medium green

INFLORESCENCE: three levels of cyathia

CYATHOPHYLL: overlapping, medium size, upper side dark pink red (RHS 52A), lower side red pink (RHS 52B), medium discolouration at end of flowering, weak prominence of midrib

**Origin and Breeding:** '1201ZEU' originated from a population of *Euphorbia milii* that resulted from a random hybridization between two unnamed proprietary seedlings. This cross occurred in June 2011 by the breeder in Søndersø, Denmark. The seed was harvested from the female parent and the resulting progeny were evaluated. The new variety was selected in April 2013 based on its upright plant growth habit, medium height, dark green foliage and light red coloured cyathophylls.

**Tests and Trials:** The detailed description of '1201ZEU' is based on the UPOV Report of Technical Examination, application number 20140641, purchased from the Bundessortenamt in Hannover, Germany. The trials were conducted by the Bundessortenamt in 2015. Colour determinations were made using the 2007 Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Colour Chart.



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