CLAIMS

[Claim 1]

A liquid mineral concentrate composition for use in the production of an extraction solvent for coffee or tea, wherein the liquid mineral concentrate composition comprises an activated carbon extract of a plant-derived raw material, and contains the highest concentration of potassium ions among the metal ions present in the liquid mineral concentrate composition.

[Claim 2]

The liquid mineral concentrate composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of chloride ions contained in the liquid mineral concentrate composition is 50% or less of the potassium ion concentration.

[Claim 3]

The liquid mineral concentrate composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the amount of calcium ions contained in the liquid mineral concentrate composition is 2.0% or less of the potassium ion concentration.

[Claim 4]

The liquid mineral concentrate composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the amount of magnesium ions contained in the liquid mineral concentrate composition is 1.0% or less of the potassium ion concentration.

[Claim 5]

The liquid mineral concentrate composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the amount of sodium contained in the liquid mineral concentrate composition is 5 to 45% of the potassium ion concentration.

[Claim 6]

The liquid mineral concentrate composition according to claim 1, wherein the plant-derived raw material is selected from the following: fruit shells of coconut palms, palms, almonds, walnuts, or plums; sawdust, charcoal, resins, and lignin; sawdust ash; bamboos; food residues selected from bagasse, chaff, coffee beans, and molasses; and combinations of these raw materials.

[Claim 7]

A method of producing a coffee drink or a tea drink, comprising a step of adding the liquid mineral concentrate composition according to any one of claims 1 to 6 to an aqueous solvent, and extracting coffee or tea using the aqueous solvent containing the added liquid mineral concentrate composition.

[Claim 8]

The method according to claim 7, wherein, when the drink is a coffee drink, the liquid mineral concentrate composition is added to the aqueous solvent in such a manner that the concentration of potassium ions added is 50 ppm to 300 ppm.

[Claim 9]

The method according to claim 7, wherein, when the drink is a tea drink, the liquid mineral concentrate composition is added to the aqueous solvent in such a manner that the concentration of potassium ions added is 50 ppm to 100 ppm.

[Claim 10]

The method according to any one of claims 7 to 9, wherein the aqueous solvent is tap water, purified water, pure water, or natural water.

[Claim 11]

A coffee drink comprising the liquid mineral concentrate composition according to any one of claims 1 to 6.

[Claim 12]

The coffee drink according to claim 11, comprising potassium ions at 50 ppm to 300 ppm in terms of the concentration of potassium ions added.

[Claim 13]

A tea drink comprising the liquid mineral concentrate composition according to any one of claims 1 to 6.

[Claim 14]

The tea drink according to claim 13, comprising potassium ions at 50 ppm to 100 ppm in terms of the concentration of potassium ions added.