Claims

1. Cosmetic composition comprising a carrier and at least one active cosmetic ingredient, wherein a first active cosmetic ingredient comprises ~~a Patchouli stem extract~~ an extract of exhausted Patchouli stems, wherein the exhausted Patchouli stems have previously been processed by steam distillation.

2. Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the cosmetic composition is a skin care, scalp care or body care composition.

3. Cosmetic composition according to claim 2, wherein the cosmetic composition is a serum for dry skin, an anti-aging serum, and anti-aging night or day cream, an anti-dry dandruff product, a dry scalp lotion or a body care lotion.

4. Cosmetic composition according to one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the first active cosmetic ingredient comprises an aqueous and/or alcoholic extract of the exhausted Patchouli stems.

~~5. Cosmetic composition according to one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the first active cosmetic ingredient comprises an extract of exhausted Patchouli stems.~~

~~6. Method of preparing an active cosmetic ingredient, comprising extracting Patchouli stems.~~

~~7.~~5. Method of preparing an active cosmetic ingredient ~~according to claim 6~~, comprising the steps of

(i) providing exhausted Patchouli stems; and

(ii) extracting the exhausted Patchouli stems,

wherein the exhausted Patchouli stems have previously been processed by steam distillation.

~~8.~~6. Method according to claim ~~6 or 7~~5, wherein the extraction is performed using water and/or ethanol.

~~9.~~7. Use of an extract from exhausted Patchouli stems in skin care, in particular of an aqueous extract, wherein the exhausted Patchouli stems have previously been processed by steam distillation ~~and/or of an extract from exhausted Patchouli stems~~.

~~10.~~8. Method of stimulating the sebum production and/or~~,~~ of stimulating the antioxidant property ~~and/or of inhibiting wound healing~~ by applying the cosmetic composition of one of claims 1 to ~~5~~ 4 to human skin.