

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HEYWARD ANDREW A		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Genius Brands International, Inc. [GNUS]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) CEO	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC., 301 N. CANON DRIVE, SUITE 305		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2016			
(Street) BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)		Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					Title
Stock Options	\$ 2 (1)	02/03/2016		A		1,500,000		(2)	02/03/2026	Common Stock	1,500,000	\$ 0	1,500,000	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEYWARD ANDREW A C/O GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC. 301 N. CANON DRIVE, SUITE 305 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210	X	X	CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Andrew A. Heyward	02/04/2016
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The stock options have the following exercise prices: \$2.00 for options that vest on the first anniversary of the grant date, \$3.00 for options that vest on the second anniversary of the grant date and \$4.00 for options that vest on the third anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) The stock options shall vest over a three-year period as follows: options to purchase 375,000 shares shall vest on the first anniversary of the grant date, options to purchase 750,000 shares shall vest on the second anniversary of the grant date and options to purchase 375,000 shares shall vest on the third anniversary of the grant date.

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