

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2016			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		
C/O GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC., 301 N. CANON DRIVE, SUITE 305			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210								
(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	05/05/2016		A		238,683	A	\$ 0 (1)	746,519	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share								2,972,183	I	See Note (2)
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share								3,700	I	See Note (3)

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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

## 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	05/09/2016
<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 Reporting Person acquired the shares of common stock in satisfaction of short term cash advances of a total of \$410,535 made by the Reporting Person to A Squared Entertainment, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Issuer.
- (2) The Reporting Person indirectly owns 2,972,183 shares of common stock over which the Reporting Person and his wife, Amy Moynihan Heyward, hold voting and dispositive power.
- (3) The Reporting Person indirectly owns 3,700 shares of common stock held by Heyward Living Trust.

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