UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING Commission File Number: 001-37950 Form 10-K Form 20-F □ Form 11-K ☐ Form 10-Q ☐ Form 10-D (Check one): ☐ Form N-CEN ☐ Form N-CSR For Period Ended: December 31, 2022 Transition Report on Form 10-K Transition Report on Form 20-F Transition Report on Form 11-K Transition Report on Form 10-Q Transition Report on Form N-SAR For the Transition Period Ended: PART I — REGISTRANT INFORMATION GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC. (Full Name of Registrant) (Former Name if Applicable) 190 N. Canon Drive, 4th Fl. Address of Principal Executive Office Beverly Hills, CA 90210 City, State and Zip Code PART II — RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c) If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense; X The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-CEN or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable. PART III — NARRATIVE State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-O, 10-D, N-CEN, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period. (Attach extra Sheets if Needed) The compilation, dissemination and review of the information required to be presented in the Form 10-K for the relevant period has imposed time constraints that have rendered timely filing of the Form 10-K impracticable without undue hardship and expense to the registrant. The registrant undertakes the responsibility to file such report no later than fifteen days after its original prescribed due date. PART IV — OTHER INFORMATION (1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification **Robert Denton** (310)273-4222 (Area Code) (Name) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s). Yes ⊠ No □

Genius Brands International, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be

Yes □ No ⊠

included in the subject report or portion thereof?

(3)

Date: April 3, 2023

By: /s/ Andy Heyward Andy Heyward Chief Executive Officer