

Genius Brands International, Inc.  
Form 4  
October 18, 2016

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Hershinger Rebecca D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GENIUS BRANDS  
INTERNATIONAL, INC., 301  
NORTH CANON DRIVE, SUITE  
305

(Street)

BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
Genius Brands International, Inc.  
[GNUS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/13/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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)**

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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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Option (1)	\$ 2 <u>(2)</u>	09/13/2016		A		195,250		<u>(3)</u>	09/13/2021	Common Stock	195,250
Stock Option (1)	\$ 2	09/13/2016		A		60,008		09/13/2016	09/13/2021	Common Stock	60,008

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Hershinger Rebecca D C/O GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC. 301 NORTH CANON DRIVE, SUITE 305 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210	CFO

## Signatures

/s/ Rebecca  
Hershinger 10/18/2016

                     \*\*Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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) This stock option was granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2015 Incentive Plan, as amended.
- (2) The stock options have the following exercise prices: \$2.00 for options that vest on April 18, 2017, \$3.00 for options that vest on April 18, 2018 and \$4.00 for options that vest on April 18, 2019.
- (3) The stock options shall vest as follows: options to purchase 55,000 shares shall vest on April 18, 2017, options to purchase 110,000 shares shall vest on April 18, 2018 and options to purchase 30,250 shares shall vest on April 18, 2019.
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