

Genius Brands International, Inc.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Hershinger Rebecca D

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

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

(Street)

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

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

BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount	Price	
				Code	V		

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 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 2 <u>(2)</u>	09/13/2016		A	195,250	<u>(3)</u> 09/13/2021	Common Stock 195,250
Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 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 Reporting Person Date

## 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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