Heyward Andy Form 4 October 23, 2017

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

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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, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Genius Brands International, Inc.

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Heyward Andy

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Symbol

[GNUS]

(Month/Day/Year)

10/20/2017

3.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

_X__ Director

X_ Officer (give title

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chief Executive Officer

X__ 10% Owner

Other (specify

BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8)

Code V

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Amount

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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Estimated average

burden hours per

Common Stock, par

(City)

value \$0.001 per

share Common Stock, par value

\$0.001 per share

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(A)

(D)

Price

377,237

(Instr. 3 and 4)

990,728 Ι

D

See Footnote

(1)

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Common

Stock, par See value 1,234 I Footnote

\$0.001 per (2)

share

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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
	Security			(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number	

Code V (A) (D)

Reporting Owners

	Kelationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Heyward Andy C/O GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC. 301 N. CANON DRIVE, SUITE 305 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

X Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

/s/ Andy Heyward 10/23/2017

**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).

Reporting Owners 2

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- (1) The Reporting Person indirectly owns 990,728 shares of common stock over which the Reporting Person and his wife, Amy Moynihan Heyward, hold voting and dispositive power.
- (2) The Reporting Person indirectly owns 1,234 shares of common stock held by Heyward Living Trust.

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