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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Heyward Andy

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

(Check all applicable)

Chief Executive Officer

Genius Brands International, Inc. [GNUS]

10/18/2017

(First) (Middle)

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

_X__ Director X__ 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

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

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

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

Issuer

BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

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

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Common Stock, par

value

10/18/2017

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Code V Amount (D)

348,340

Price

D

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\$0.001 per share

Common

Stock, par value

990,728

See Footnote

(1)

\$0.001 per

share

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Common Stock, par

share

See value 1,234 Footnote

\$0.001 per (2)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Unde Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number	

Code V (A) (D)

Reporting Owners

Relationships 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 X Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

/s/ Andy 10/19/2017 Heyward

**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).

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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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