Genius Brands International, Inc.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Hershinger Rebecca D

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

04/15/2016

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Genius Brands International, Inc. [GNUS]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC., Â 301 N. CANON DRIVE #305

(Street)

10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify 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

BEVERLY HILLS, CAÂ 90210

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

5. 4 Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Title Amount or Date

Price of Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

> Date Exercisable

Number of

Shares

or Indirect
(I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hershinger Rebecca D C/O GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC. 301 N. CANON DRIVE #305 BEVERLY HILLS, CAÂ 90210

Â Â CFO Â

Signatures

/s/ Rebecca D. Hershinger

04/20/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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