HEYWARD ANDREW A

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **HEYWARD ANDREW A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Chief Executive Officer

Issuer

below)

Genius Brands International, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

[GNUS]

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title

X 10% Owner Other (specify

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

10/09/2017

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

BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

(State)

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)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Securities Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

D

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D)

Common Stock, par

\$0.001 per

(City)

10/09/2017

P 256,340

share

value

Common Stock, par

Ι See note (1) value 990,728

\$0.001 per share

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Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per

share

1,234 See note (2)

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

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8. Price of

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Security

(Instr. 5)

of

Shares

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

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	ınt of
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Unde	rlying
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	rities
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr	. 3 and 4)
	Security				Acquired				
					(A) or				
					Disposed				
					of (D)				
					(Instr. 3,				
					4, and 5)				
									Amount
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other **HEYWARD ANDREW A** C/O GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC. X X Chief Executive Officer 301 N. CANON DRIVE, SUITE 305 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

Code V (A) (D)

Signatures

/s/ Andy 10/10/2017 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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