

Genius Brands International, Inc.
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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 *
BALABAN LARRY

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)
05/15/2013

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chief Creative Officer

C/O GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC., 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 400

(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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

(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) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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) | Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Options | \$ 0.44 | 01/20/2009 | | D | 2,000,000 | (1) 01/20/2014 | Common Stock | 2,000,000 |
| Options | \$ 0.2 | 05/15/2013 | | A | 750,000 | 05/15/2013 05/15/2018 | Common Stock | 750,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BALABAN LARRY C/O GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC. 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 400 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108 | X | X | Chief Creative Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Larry
Balaban 06/21/2013

**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) The Reporting Person agreed to cancel 2,000,000 options, 1,250,000 of which vested on 1/20/2009 and 750,000 of which vested on 12/31/2009.

(2) Issued directly to reporting person from issuer pursuant to Issuer's Stock Option Plan on May 15, 2013.

(3) Represents, in addition to those options that are the subject of this report: (i) 1,000,000 options at an exercise price of \$0.44, granted on 4/11/2011, with 250,000 of such options vesting on the grant date and 250,000 vesting upon each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, (ii) 100,000 options exercisable on 12/31/2011 and expiring on 12/31/2016 at an exercise price of \$0.22, and (iii) 100,000 options exercisable on 12/31/2012 and expiring on 12/31/2017 at an exercise price of \$0.20.

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