

Genius Brands International, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
May 17, 2016  
**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**Current Report**

**Pursuant To Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 17, 2016

**GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

*(Name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Nevada**

*(State or other jurisdiction of*

*Incorporation or organization)*

**20-4118216**

*(I.R.S. Employer*

*Identification Number)*

**000-54389**

*(Commission File Number)*

**301 N. Canon Drive, Suite 305**

**Beverly Hills, CA**

*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**90210**

*(Zip Code)*

*Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (310) 273-4222*

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*(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)*

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On May 17, 2016, Genius Brands International, Inc. (the “Company”) distributed to its shareholders the letter attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information disclosed under this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Genius Brands International, Inc. Letter to Shareholders, dated May 17, 2016.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

Date: May 17, 2016 By: /s/ Andy Heyward  
Andy Heyward  
Chief Executive Officer