

Genius Brands International, Inc.
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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): October 3, 2017

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

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On October 3, 2017, Genius Brands International, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the “Company”), entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement (the “Purchase Agreement”) with certain investors named therein (the “Investors”), pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell, in a registered direct offering by the Company directly to the Investors (the “Registered Offering”), an aggregate of 1,647,691 shares (the “Shares”) of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Company (“Common Stock”), at an offering price of \$3.90 per share for gross proceeds of approximately \$6,425,995 before deducting the placement agent fee and related offering expenses. The Shares were offered by the Company pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-214805), which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) on November 25, 2016 and was declared effective by the Commission on December 19, 2016 (the “Registration Statement”).

In a concurrent private placement (the “Private Placement” and together with the Registered Offering, the “Offerings”), the Company agreed to issue to the Investors who participated in the Registered Offering warrants (the “Warrants” and collectively with the Shares, the “Securities”) exercisable for one share of Common Stock for each Share purchased in the Registered Offering for an aggregate of 1,647,691 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$3.90 per share. Each Warrant will be immediately exercisable on the date of its issuance and will expire five years from the date it becomes exercisable. Subject to limited exceptions, a holder of a Warrant will not have the right to exercise any portion of its warrants if the holder, together with its affiliates, would beneficially own in excess of 4.99% of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such exercise (the “Beneficial Ownership Limitation”); provided, however, that upon 61 days’ prior notice to the Company, the holder may increase or decrease the Beneficial Ownership Limitation, provided further that in no event shall the Beneficial Ownership Limitation exceed 9.99%. The Warrants and the shares of our Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of the Warrants are not being registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), were not offered pursuant to the Registration Statement and were offered pursuant to the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) under the Securities Act, and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder.

On October 2, 2017, the Company entered into an Engagement Letter (the “Engagement Letter”) with Chardan Capital Markets, LLC (“Chardan” or the “Placement Agent”) pursuant to which the Company engaged Chardan as its placement agent in connection with the Offerings. The Placement Agent agreed to use its reasonable best efforts to arrange for the sale of the Securities. The Company agreed to pay the Placement Agent a placement agent fee in cash equal to 9.0% of the gross proceeds from the sale of the Securities and to reimburse certain out-of-pocket expenses of up to \$35,000. The Engagement Letter also contains representations, warranties, indemnification and other provisions customary for transactions of this nature.

The foregoing summaries of the Purchase Agreement, the Warrants and the Engagement Letter do not purport to be complete and are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by, such documents attached as Exhibits 10.1, 4.1 and 1.1, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which are incorporated herein by reference.

This Current Report on Form 8-K does not constitute an offer to sell any securities or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of any securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

On October 3, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the Offerings. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. A copy of the opinion of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. relating to the legality of the issuance and sale of the Shares is attached as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.

Item 3.02. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

The information contained in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K in relation to the Warrants and the shares of our Common Stock issuable upon the exercise thereof is incorporated herein by reference in this Item 3.02.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1	<u>Engagement Letter dated as of October 2, 2017, by and between Genius Brands International, Inc. and Chardan Capital Markets, LLC.</u>
4.1	<u>Form of Investor Warrant.</u>
5.1	<u>Opinion of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.</u>
10.1	<u>Form of Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 3, 2017, by and among Genius Brands International, Inc. and the Investors.</u>
23.1	<u>Consent of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. (included in Exhibit 5.1).</u>
99.1	<u>Press Release of Genius Brands International, Inc. dated October 3, 2017.</u>

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: October 3, 2017 By: /s/ Andy Heyward
Name: Andy Heyward
Title: Chief Executive Officer

