

Genius Brands International, Inc.  
Form S-1  
December 14, 2015

**AS FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ON DECEMBER 14, 2015**

**REGISTRATION NO. 333-**

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-1**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Nevada</b>	<b>7812</b>	<b>20-4118216</b>
(State or jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

301 N. Canon Drive, Suite 305

Beverly Hills, CA 90210

310-273-4222

Edgar Filing: Genius Brands International, Inc. - Form S-1

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of principal executive offices)

Andrew Heyward

Chief Executive Officer

Genius Brands International, Inc.

301 N. Canon Drive, Suite 305

Beverly Hills, CA 90210

310-273-4222

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

**Copies to:**

Harvey Kesner, Esq.

Jeff Cahlon, Esq.

Sichenzia Ross Friedman Ference LLP

61 Broadway, 32nd Floor

New York, NY 10006

Tel: 212-930-9700

Fax: 212-930-9725

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933 check the following box.

Edgar Filing: Genius Brands International, Inc. - Form S-1

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

(COVER CONTINUES ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount To be Registered	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Price Per Share (3)	Proposed	
			Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (1)	3,480,000 shares	\$1.00	\$3,480,000	\$350.44
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (2)	3,905,000 shares	\$1.00	\$3,905,000	\$393.23
Total number of shares of common stock to be registered	7,385,000 shares		\$7,385,000	\$743.67

(1) Represents outstanding shares of common stock offered by the selling stockholders.

(2) Represents shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants offered by the selling stockholders.

(3) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, using the average of the high and low prices as reported on the OTCQB on December 7, 2015.



**The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. The selling stockholders may not sell these securities under this prospectus until the registration statement of which it is a part and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS, SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED DECEMBER 14, 2015**

**GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

7,385,000 Shares of Common Stock

This prospectus relates to the public offering of up to 7,385,000 shares of common stock of Genius Brands International, Inc. by the selling stockholders, including 3,480,000 outstanding shares and 3,905,000 shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants.

The selling stockholders may sell common stock from time to time in the principal market on which the common stock is traded at the prevailing market price or in negotiated transactions.

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of common stock by the selling stockholders. We will pay the expenses of registering these shares.

**Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should consider carefully the risk factors beginning on page 3 of this prospectus before purchasing any of the shares offered by this prospectus.**

Our common stock is quoted on the OTCQB and trades under the symbol "GNUS". The last reported sale price of our common stock on the OTCQB on December 11, 2015, was \$0.90 per share.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

**The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.**

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

	<b>Page</b>
Prospectus Summary	1
Risk Factors	3
Forward-Looking Statements	8
Use of Proceeds	8
Selling Security Holders	9
Plan of Distribution	13
Description of Securities	14
Description of Business	15
Description of Property	20
Legal Proceedings	20
Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations	20
Market Price of and Dividends on Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters	29
Changes in Accountants	30
Directors and Executive Officers	30
Executive Compensation	35
Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management	38
Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence	39
Additional Information	39
Indemnification for Securities Act Liabilities	39
Legal Matters	40
Experts	40
Financial Statements	F-1

You may only rely on the information contained in this prospectus or that we have referred you to. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the common stock offered by this prospectus. This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any common stock in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. Neither the delivery of this prospectus nor any sale made in connection with this prospectus shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in our affairs since the date of this prospectus or that the information contained by reference to this prospectus is correct as of any time after its date.





## Prospectus Summary

*This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus and does not contain all of the information that you should consider in making your investment decision. Before deciding to invest in our securities, you should read this entire prospectus carefully, including the sections of this prospectus entitled “Risk Factors” and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and our financial statements and related notes contained elsewhere in this prospectus. References in this prospectus to “we,” “us,” “our”, the “Company” and similar words, refer to Genius Brands International, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, A Squared Entertainment LLC, unless the context otherwise indicates.*

## Overview

Genius Brands International, Inc. is a global content and brand management company dedicated to providing entertaining and enriching “content and products with a purpose” for toddlers to tweens. Led by industry veterans Andrew Heyward (Chief Executive Officer) and Amy Moynihan Heyward (President), we produce original content and license the rights to that content to a variety of partners. Our licensees include (i) companies to which the audio-visual rights are licensed for exhibition in various formats such as Pay Television, Free or Broadcast Television, Video-on-Demand (“VOD”), subscription on demand (“SVOD”), DVDs/CDs and more and (ii) companies that develop and distribute products based on our content within different product categories such as toys, electronics, publishing, home goods, stationary, gifts, and more.

We own a portfolio of original children’s entertainment that is targeted at toddlers to teens including the award-winning *Baby Genius*, Warren Buffett's *Secret Millionaires Club*, *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab* and *Stan Lee's Mighty 7*, the first project from *Stan Lee Comics, LLC*, a joint venture with legendary Stan Lee's POW! Entertainment.

In addition to our wholly-owned brands, we also act as licensing agent for certain brands, leveraging our existing licensing infrastructure to expand these brands into new product categories, new retailers, and new territories. These include the best-selling children’s book series, *Llama Llama*; *Psycho Bunny*, a luxury apparel line; *From Frank*, a humor greeting card and product line; and *Celescence Technologies*, the world's leading microencapsulation company.

On April 2, 2014, we filed a Certificate of Amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to effect a one-for-one-hundred reverse split of our common stock (the “Reverse Split”). All per share amounts referenced herein are reflective of the Reverse Split.

## Products

### Original Content

We own and produce original content that is meant to entertain and enrich toddlers to tweens. We have found it generally requires a period of three years from the inception of an idea, through production of the content and development and distribution of a range of consumer products to retail, creating an inevitable lag between the creation of the intellectual property to the realization of economic or accounting benefit of those assets. Our goal is to maintain a robust and diverse portfolio of brands, appealing to various interests and ages, featuring evergreen topics with global appeal. Our portfolio of intellectual property can be licensed, re-licensed, and exploited for years to come, with revenue derived from multiple sources and territories.

### Licensing Agent

Augmenting our original content, we act as an agent for established brands which maximizes the existing infrastructure while creating incremental sources of revenue for us without additional overhead:

*Psycho Bunny*: Inspired by the 17th-century maritime marauders and secret societies such as the infamous Skull & Bones, Psycho Bunny creates timeless wardrobe essentials that couple refined English tailoring with bold American design. Currently available in limited product categories in upscale department stores, we are expanding this popular brand to additional product lines, new retail outlets, and additional international territories. We have already signed licensees for headwear and footwear.

*From Frank*: Already a popular line of greeting cards, we are expanding the brand into new product categories and have already signed licensees for publishing, stationery, gifts, lottery and more.

*Celessence*: Celessence's microencapsulation technology releases fragrance and is used to scent products including socks, stationery, toys, bedding and pillows. We are licensing this technology to a range of products from homewares, bedding, fragrance, automotive, pets, apparel and more.

*Llama Llama*: With 9.4 million units in print, Anna Dewdney's Llama Llama books have all been New York Times bestsellers, with several titles claiming the #1 spot. Her work has been translated into eight languages. Praised as a "geographer extraordinaire of the emotional terrain of preschoolers and their mothers" (Chicago Tribune), Dewdney's soothing tales are synonymous with calming early childhood anxiety. Llama Llama Red Pajama was chosen as Jumpstart's Read for the Record book in 2011, setting the world record for the most reads of a particular book on one day. Dewdney is an outspoken advocate for literacy and many states and non-profits use her books for literacy campaigns and programs, including the Library of Congress.

## **Company Information**

We were incorporated in California on January 3, 2006 and reincorporated in Nevada in October 2011. Our principal executive offices are located at 301 North Canon Drive, Suite 305, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Our telephone number is 310-273-4222. We maintain an Internet website at [www.gnusbrands.com](http://www.gnusbrands.com). The information contained on, connected to or that can be accessed via our website is not part of this prospectus. We have included our website address in this prospectus as an inactive textual reference only and not as an active hyperlink.

## **Private Placement of Common Shares and Warrants**

On October 29, 2015, the Company entered into securities purchase agreements (the “October 2015 Purchase Agreements”) with certain accredited investors (the “October 2015 Investors”) pursuant to which the Company sold an aggregate of 4,330,000 shares of common stock and warrants (the “October 2015 Warrants”) to purchase up to an aggregate of 4,330,000 shares of common stock for a purchase price of \$1.00 per share (the “October 2015 Private Placement”) and gross proceeds to the Company of \$4,330,000. The closing of the October 2015 Private Placement was subject to certain customary closing conditions and occurred on November 3, 2015.

The October 2015 Warrants are exercisable into shares of common stock for a period of five (5) years from issuance at an initial exercise price of \$1.10 per share, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, dividends and recapitalizations. The Company is prohibited from effecting an exercise of the October 2015 Warrants to the extent that as a result of such exercise, the October 2015 Investor would beneficially own more than 4.99% (subject to increase up to 9.99% upon 61 days’ notice) in the aggregate of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock.

Pursuant to the October 2015 Purchase Agreements, beginning on the closing date of the October 2015 Private Placement and ending sixty (60) days after the Effective Date (as defined in the October 2015 Purchase Agreements), the Company agreed not to issue any shares of common stock or securities convertible or exercisable into common stock, subject to certain exceptions. Additionally, until the later of (i) such time as the October 2015 Investors, in the aggregate, hold less than 50% of the shares of common stock originally purchased in the October 2015 Private Placement and the average daily trading volume of the common stock for a period of ten (10) consecutive trading days is greater than \$75,000 and (ii) the one year anniversary of the closing of the October 2015 Private Placement, the Company agreed to not sell any common stock or securities convertible or exercisable into common stock, subject to certain exceptions, at an effective per share price of common stock less than the purchase price per share of common stock sold in the October 2015 Private Placement.

In connection with the October 2015 Private Placement, the Company’s officers, directors and 10% or greater shareholders executed a lockup agreement whereby they are prohibited from disposing of any of the Company’s

common stock or securities convertible or exercisable into the Company's common stock held by them for a period of ninety (90) days from the closing of the October 2015 Private Placement.

Pursuant to a registration rights agreement entered into between the Company and the October 2015 Investors, the Company agreed to file a "resale" registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") covering the resale of all shares of common stock and shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the October 2015 Warrants issued pursuant to the October 2015 Private Placement within 45 days of the closing of the October 2015 Private Placement (the "Filing Date") and to maintain the effectiveness of the registration statement until all securities have been sold or are otherwise able to be sold pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The Company agreed to use its reasonable best efforts to have the registration statement declared effective within 90 days of the closing of the October 2015 Private Placement (or 120 days after such closing if the registration statement is subject to review by the SEC (the "Effectiveness Date"). The Company is obligated to pay to the October 2015 Investors a fee of 1% per month in cash for every thirty day period up to a maximum of six (6%) percent of the purchase price paid under the October 2015 Purchase Agreement, (i) that the registration statement has not been filed after the Filing Date, (ii) following the Effectiveness Date that the registration statement has not been declared effective; and (iii) as otherwise set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

Chardan Capital Markets LLC ("Chardan") acted as sole placement agent in the October 2015 Private Placement in consideration for which the Company paid Chardan received a cash fee of \$300,000 and issued to Chardan and its designee a five-year warrant to purchase up to 425,000 shares of common stock (the "Placement Agent Warrants") at an initial exercise price of \$1.20 per share. The terms of the Placement Agent Warrant are identical to the October 2015 Warrants issued to the October 2015 Investors in the October 2015 Private Placement except with respect to the exercise price thereof.

### **About This Offering**

This prospectus includes the resale of (i) 3,480,000 shares of common stock issued in the October 2015 Private Placement, (ii) 3,480,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the October 2015 Warrants, and (iii) 425,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the Placement Agent Warrants.

**Summary Consolidated Financial Data**

The following table sets forth our (i) summary statement of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 derived from our audited financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus, (ii) summary statement of operations data for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 derived from our unaudited financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus, and (iii) summary consolidated balance sheet data as of September 30, 2015 derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. Our financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. The results indicated below are not necessarily indicative of our future performance. You should read this information together with the section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

**Statement of Operations Information:**

	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013
Sales	\$925,788	\$2,556,538
Net (loss)	\$(3,728,599 )	\$(7,216,031 )
Net (loss) per share (basic and diluted)	\$(0.60 )	\$(5.10 )
Weighted average shares of common stock	\$6,254,497	\$1,413,631
	Nine Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Revenue	\$710,999	\$712,279
Net (loss)	\$(2,421,938 )	\$(2,843,763 )
Net (loss) per share (basic and diluted)	\$(0.37 )	\$(0.46 )
Weighted average shares of common stock	\$6,464,505	\$6,129,391

**Balance Sheet Information:**

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Working capital (deficit)	\$2,514,132	\$(490,732 )
Total assets	\$17,325,014	\$14,592,177
Total liabilities	\$3,604,766	\$3,096,075
Accumulated (deficit)	\$(21,152,654)	\$(17,424,055)
Stockholders' equity	\$13,720,248	\$11,496,102

	September 30, 2015
Working capital	\$148,486
Total assets	\$15,991,007
Total liabilities	\$4,674,153
Accumulated (deficit)	\$(23,574,592)
Stockholders' equity	\$11,316,854

## **RISK FACTORS**

*Any investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Investors should carefully consider the risks described below and all of the information contained in this prospectus before deciding whether to purchase our common stock. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by these risks. This prospectus also contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including the risks we face as described below and elsewhere in this prospectus.*

## **Risks Related to Our Business**

### ***We have incurred net losses since inception.***

We have a history of operating losses and incurred net losses in each fiscal quarter since our inception. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we generated revenues of \$710,999 and incurred a net loss of \$2,421,938. For the year ended December 31, 2014, we generated revenues of \$925,788 and incurred a net loss of \$3,728,599, while for the previous year, we generated revenue of \$2,556,538 and incurred a net loss of \$7,216,031. These losses, among other things, have had an adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition, stockholders' equity, net current assets and working capital.

We will need to generate additional revenue to achieve profitability. We have already achieved significant cost savings and are beginning to generate revenues derived from our existing properties, properties in production, new brands being introduced into the marketplace, the re-launch of Baby Genius, and incremental revenue derived from the licensing business we manage on behalf of our clients. However, the ability to sustain these revenues and generate significant additional revenues or achieve profitability will depend upon numerous factors some of which are outside of our control.

### ***We may need additional capital to fund our growing operations. If we are not able to obtain sufficient capital, we may then be forced to limit the scope of our operations.***

We expect that as our business continues to grow we may need additional working capital. While we believe that we will be able to fund our business through operating cash flows generated through our enhanced business model, if these cash flows are less than anticipated or do not come to fruition in the time horizon we anticipate, we will require additional debt and/or equity financing to sustain our operations. If adequate additional debt and/or equity financing is not available on reasonable terms or at all, we may not be able to continue to expand our business, and we will have to modify our business plans accordingly. These factors could have a material adverse effect on our future operating results and our financial condition.

If we reach a point where we are unable to raise needed additional funds to continue as a going concern, we could be forced to cease our activities and dissolve. In such an event, we will need to satisfy various creditors and other claimants, severance, lease termination and other dissolution-related obligations.



Our ability to raise financing through sales of equity securities depends on general market conditions and the demand for our common stock. We may be unable to raise adequate capital through sales of equity securities, and if our stock has a low market price at the time of such sales, our existing stockholders could experience substantial dilution. If adequate financing is not available or unavailable on acceptable terms, we may find we are unable to fund expansion, continue offering products and services, take advantage of acquisition opportunities, develop or enhance services or products, or to respond to competitive pressures in the industry which may jeopardize our ability to continue operations.

***Restrictions on subsequent equity sales under the October 2015 Purchase Agreements may make it more difficult for us to raise additional capital in the future.***

Pursuant to the October 2015 Purchase Agreements, beginning on the closing date of the October 2015 Private Placement and ending sixty (60) days after the Effective Date (as defined in the October 2015 Purchase Agreements), the Company agreed not to issue any shares of common stock or securities convertible or exercisable into common stock, subject to certain exceptions. Additionally, until the later of (i) such time as the October 2015 Investors, in the aggregate, hold less than 50% of the shares of common stock originally purchased in the October 2015 Private Placement and the average daily trading volume of the common stock for a period of ten (10) consecutive trading days is greater than \$75,000 and (ii) the one year anniversary of the closing of the October 2015 Private Placement, the Company agreed to not sell any common stock or securities convertible or exercisable into common stock, subject to certain exceptions, at an effective per share price of common stock less than the purchase price per share of common stock sold in the October 2015 Private Placement. These provisions may make it more difficult for us to raise capital in the future.

***Our revenues and results of operations may fluctuate from period to period.***

Cash flow and projections for any entertainment company producing original content can be expected to fluctuate until the animated content and ancillary consumer products are in the market and could fluctuate thereafter even when the content and products are in the marketplace. There is significant lead time in developing and producing animated content before that content is in the marketplace. Unanticipated delays in entertainment production can delay the release of the content into the marketplace. Structured retail windows that dictate when new products can be introduced at retail are also out of our control. While we believe we have mitigated this in part by creating a slate of properties at various stages of development or production as well as representing certain established brands which contribute immediately to cash flow, any delays in the production and release of our content and products or any changes in the preferences of our customers could result in lower than anticipated cash flows.

As with our cash flows, our revenues and results of operations depend significantly upon the appeal of our content to our customers, the timing of releases of our products and the commercial success of our products, none of which can be predicted with certainty. Accordingly, our revenues and results of operations may fluctuate from period to period. The results of one period may not be indicative of the results of any future period. Any quarterly fluctuations that we report in the future may not match the expectations of market analysts and investors. This could cause the price of our common stock to fluctuate.

Production cost will be amortized according to the individual film forecasting methodology. If estimated remaining revenue is not sufficient to recover the unamortized production costs, the unamortized production costs will be written down to fair value. In any given quarter, if we lower our previous forecast with respect to total anticipated revenue, we will be required to adjust amortization of related production costs. These adjustments would adversely impact our business, operating results and financial condition.

***Changes in the United States, global or regional economic conditions could adversely affect the profitability of our business.***

A decrease in economic activity in the United States or in other regions of the world in which we do business could adversely affect demand for our products, thus reducing our revenue and earnings. A decline in economic conditions could reduce demand for and sales of our products. In addition, an increase in price levels generally, or in price levels in a particular sector, could result in a shift in consumer demand away from the animated content and consumer products we offer, which could also decrease our revenues, increase our costs, or both.

***Inaccurately anticipating changes and trends in popular culture, media and movies, fashion, or technology can negatively affect our sales.***

While trends in the toddler to tween sector change quickly, we respond to trends and developments by modifying, refreshing, extending, and expanding our product offerings on an on-going basis. However, we operate in extremely competitive industries where the ultimate appeal and popularity of content and products targeted to this sector can be difficult to predict. We believe our focus on “content and products with a purpose” serves an underrepresented area of the toddler to tween market; however, if the interest of our audience trends away from our current properties toward other offerings based on current media, movies, animated content or characters, and if we fail to accurately anticipate trends in popular culture, movies, media, fashion, or technology, our products may not be accepted by children, parents, or families and our revenues, profitability, and results of operations may be adversely affected.

***If we are unable to compete effectively with existing or new competitors, our sales and market share could decline.***

The industries in which we operate are competitive, and our results of operations are sensitive to, and may be adversely affected by, competitive pricing, promotional pressures, additional competitor offerings and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. Indirectly through our licensing arrangements, we compete for retailers as well as other outlets for the sale and promotion of our licensed merchandise. Our primary competition comes from competitors such as The Walt Disney Company, Nickelodeon Studios, and the Cartoon Network.

We have sought a competitive advantage by providing “content and products with a purpose” which are both entertaining and enriching for children and offer differentiated value that parents seek in making purchasing decisions for their children. While we do not believe that this value proposition is specifically offered by our competitors, our competitors have greater financial resources and more developed marketing channels than we do which could affect our ability, through our licensees, to secure shelf space thereby decreasing our revenues or affecting our profitability and results of operations.

***The production of our animated content is accomplished through third-party production and animation studios around the world, and any failure of these third-parties could negatively impact our business.***

As part of our business model, to manage cash flows, we have partnered with a number of third-party production and animation studios around the world for the production of our new content in which these partners fund the production of the content in exchange for a portion of revenues generated in certain territories. We are reliant on our partners to produce and deliver the content on a timely basis meeting the predetermined specifications for that product. The delivery of inferior content could result in additional expenditures by us to correct any problems to ensure marketability. Further, delays in the delivery of the finished content to us could result in our failing to deliver the product to broadcasters to which it has been pre-licensed. While we believe we have mitigated this risk by aligning the economic interests of our partners with ours and managing the production process remotely on a daily basis, any failures or delays from our production partners could negatively affect our profitability.

***If we fail to honor our obligations under the terms of our third party supply agreements, our business may be adversely affected.***

In early 2014, we entered into an exclusive 3-year arrangement with Sony DADC US Inc. which gives Sony the right to fulfill our DVD and CD duplication requirements for our product. In consideration for these exclusive rights we received an initial marketing support payment of \$750,000 with an additional \$750,000 paid in February 2015. Sony will recoup the marketing support payment through a premium on the physical media unit costs. We are obligated to repay a pro-rata portion of the marketing support payment if we do not order a minimum number of DVD/CD units during the term. However, while we believe the minimum order threshold is achievable over the term based on our existing properties and properties currently in production or in development, if we does not meet the minimum order threshold we would be obligated to repay any outstanding balances in 2017 and to do so may require it to divert funds from operations which may have a material adverse effect on its business.

***Failure to successfully market or advertise our products could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.***

Our products are marketed worldwide through a diverse spectrum of advertising and promotional programs. Our ability to sell products is dependent in part upon the success of these programs. If we or our licensees do not successfully market our products or if media or other advertising or promotional costs increase, these factors could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

In addition, the availability of retailer programs relating to product placement, co-op advertising and market development funds, and our ability and willingness to pay for such programs, are important with respect to promoting our properties. In addition, although we may have agreements for the advertising and promotion of our products through our licensees, we will not be in direct control of those marketing efforts and those efforts may not be done in a manner that will maximize sales of our products and may have a material adverse effect on our business and operations.

***We may not be able to keep pace with technological advances.***

The entertainment industry in general, and the music and motion picture industries in particular, continue to undergo significant changes, primarily due to technological developments. Because of the rapid growth of technology, shifting consumer tastes and the popularity and availability of other forms of entertainment, it is impossible to predict the overall effect these factors could have on potential revenue from, and profitability of, distributing entertainment programming. As it is also impossible to predict the overall effect these factors could have on our ability to compete

effectively in a changing market, if we are not able to keep pace with these technological advances, our revenues, profitability and results from operations may be materially adversely affected.

***Loss of key personnel may adversely affect our business.***

Our success greatly depends on the performance of our executive management team, including Andrew Heyward, our Chief Executive Officer and Amy Moynihan Heyward, our President. The loss of the services of any member of our core executive management team or other key persons could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

***Our management team currently owns a substantial interest in our voting stock.***

Our officers and directors control a substantial portion of our voting securities. Therefore, our management may significantly affect the outcome of all corporate actions and decisions for an indefinite period of time including election of directors, amendment of charter documents and approval of mergers and other significant corporate transactions. In addition, sales of significant amounts of shares held by our directors and executive officers, or the prospect of these sales, could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

***Litigation may harm our business or otherwise distract management.***

Substantial, complex or extended litigation could cause us to incur large expenditures and could distract management. For example, lawsuits by licensors, consumers, employees or stockholders could be very costly and disrupt business. While disputes from time to time are not uncommon, we may not be able to resolve such disputes on terms favorable to us.

***Our vendors and licensees may be subject to various laws and government regulations, violation of which could subject these parties to sanctions which could lead to increased costs or the interruption of normal business operations that could negatively impact our financial condition and results of operations.***

Our vendors and licensees may operate in a highly regulated environment in the US and international markets. Federal, state and local governmental entities and foreign governments may regulate aspects of their businesses, including the production or distribution of our content or products. These regulations may include accounting standards, taxation requirements (including changes in applicable income tax rates, new tax laws and revised tax law interpretations), product safety and other safety standards, trade restrictions, regulations regarding financial matters, environmental regulations, advertising directed toward children, product content, and other administrative and regulatory restrictions. While we believe our vendors and licensees take all the steps necessary to comply with these laws and regulations, there can be no assurance that they are compliant or will be in compliance in the future. Failure to comply could result in monetary liabilities and other sanctions which could increase our costs or decrease our revenue resulting in a negative impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Protecting and defending against intellectual property claims may have a material adverse effect on our business.***

Our ability to compete in the animated content and entertainment industry depends, in part, upon successful protection of our proprietary and intellectual property. We protect our property rights to our productions through available copyright and trademark laws and licensing and distribution arrangements with reputable companies in specific territories and media for limited durations. Despite these precautions, existing copyright and trademark laws afford only limited, or no, practical protection in some jurisdictions. It may be possible for unauthorized third parties to copy and distribute our productions or portions of our productions. In addition, although we own most of the music and intellectual property included in our products, there are some titles which the music or other elements are in the public domain and for which it is difficult or even impossible to determine whether anyone has obtained ownership or royalty rights. It is an inherent risk in our industry that people may make such claims with respect to any title already included in our products, whether or not such claims can be substantiated. Litigation may be necessary in the future to enforce our intellectual property rights, to protect our trade secrets, to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others or to defend against claims of infringement or invalidity. Any such litigation could result in substantial costs and the resulting diversion of resources could have an adverse effect on our business, operating results or financial condition.

### **Risks Related to Our Common Stock**

***Our common stock may be affected by limited trading volume and price fluctuations which could adversely impact the value of our common stock.***

Trading in our common stock can fluctuate significantly and there can be no assurance that an active trading market will either develop or be maintained. Our common stock is expected to continue to experience significant price and volume fluctuations. This trading activity could adversely affect the market price of our common stock without regard to our operating performance. In addition, we believe that factors such as quarterly fluctuations in our financial results and changes in the overall economy or the condition of the financial markets could cause the price of our common stock to fluctuate substantially. These fluctuations may also cause short sellers to periodically enter the market in the belief that our stock price will decline in the future. We cannot predict the actions of market participants or the stock market as a whole. We can offer no assurances that the market for our common stock will be stable or that our stock price will fluctuate in a manner that is consistent with our operating results.

***We do not expect to pay dividends in the future and any return on investment may be limited to the value of our common stock.***

We do not currently anticipate paying cash dividends in the foreseeable future. The payment of dividends on our common stock will depend on earnings, financial condition and other business and economic factors affecting it at such time as the Board of Directors may consider relevant. Our current intention is to apply net earnings, if any, in the foreseeable future to increasing our capital base and development and marketing efforts. There can be no assurance that we will ever have sufficient earnings to declare and pay dividends to the holders of our common stock, and in any event, a decision to declare and pay dividends is at the sole discretion of our Board of Directors. If we do not pay dividends, our common stock may be less valuable because the return on investment will only occur if its stock price appreciates.

***We are authorized to issue “blank check” preferred stock without stockholder approval, which could adversely impact the rights of holders of our common stock.***

Our Articles of Incorporation authorize us to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of blank check preferred stock, 6,000 shares of which have been designated Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (see “Description of Securities”). Any additional preferred stock that we issue in the future may rank ahead of our common stock in terms of dividend priority or liquidation premiums and may have greater voting rights than our common stock. In addition, such preferred stock may contain provisions allowing those shares to be converted into shares of common stock, which could dilute the value of common stock to current stockholders and could adversely affect the market price, if any, of our common stock. In addition, the preferred stock could be utilized, under certain circumstances, as a method of discouraging, delaying or preventing a change in control of the Company. Although we have no present intention to issue any additional shares of authorized preferred stock, there can be no assurance that we will not do so in the future.

***If we fail to maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting, the price of our common stock may be adversely affected.***

Our internal control over financial reporting may have weaknesses and conditions that could require correction or remediation, the disclosure of which may have an adverse impact on the price of our common stock. We are required to establish and maintain appropriate internal controls over financial reporting. Failure to establish those controls, or any failure of those controls once established, could adversely affect our public disclosures regarding our business, prospects, financial condition or results of operations.

Rules adopted by the SEC pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 require an annual assessment of internal controls over financial reporting, and for certain issuers an attestation of this assessment by the issuer’s independent registered public accounting firm. The standards that must be met for management to assess the internal controls over financial reporting as effective are evolving and complex, and require significant documentation, testing, and possible remediation to meet the detailed standards. We expect to incur significant expenses and to devote resources to Section 404 compliance on an ongoing basis. It is difficult for us to predict how long it will take or costly it will be to complete the assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting for each year and to remediate any deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting. As a result, we may not be able to complete the assessment and remediation process on a timely basis. In addition, management’s assessment of internal controls over financial reporting may identify weaknesses and conditions that need to be addressed in our internal controls over financial reporting or other matters that may raise concerns for investors. Any actual or perceived weaknesses and conditions that need to be addressed in our internal control over financial reporting or disclosure of management’s assessment of our internal controls over financial reporting may have an adverse impact on the price of our common stock.



## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements. Such statements include statements regarding our expectations, hopes, beliefs or intentions regarding the future, including but not limited to statements regarding our market, strategy, competition, development plans (including acquisitions and expansion), financing, revenues, operations, and compliance with applicable laws. Forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially from those discussed in any such statement. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such forward-looking statements include the risks described in greater detail in the section of this prospectus entitled “Risk Factors”. All forward-looking statements in this document are made as of the date hereof, based on information available to us as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statement, except as may be required under applicable securities laws. Market data used throughout this prospectus is based on published third party reports or the good faith estimates of management, which estimates are based upon their review of internal surveys, independent industry publications and other publicly available information. Management believes such third party sources are reliable, but there can be no assurance that such data is in fact accurate.

You should review carefully the section entitled “Risk Factors” for a discussion of these and other risks that relate to our business and investing in shares of our common stock.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We will receive no proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock offered by the selling stockholders. However, we will generate proceeds from the cash exercise of the warrants by the selling stockholders, if any. We intend to use those proceeds for general corporate purposes.

## **SELLING SECURITY HOLDERS**

The common stock being offered by the selling shareholders are those previously issued to the selling shareholders, and those issuable to the selling shareholders, upon exercise of the warrants. For additional information regarding the issuances of those shares of common stock and warrants, see “Private Placement of Common Shares and Warrants” above. We are registering the shares of common stock in order to permit the selling shareholders to offer the shares for resale from time to time. Except for the ownership of the shares of common stock and the warrants, the selling shareholders have not had any material relationship with us within the past three years.

The table below lists the selling shareholders and other information regarding the beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock by each of the selling shareholders. The second column lists the number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by each selling shareholder, based on its ownership of the shares of common stock and warrants, as of November 16, 2015, assuming exercise of the warrants held by the selling shareholders on that date, without regard to any limitations on exercises.

The third column lists the shares of common stock being offered by this prospectus by the selling shareholders.

In accordance with the terms of a registration rights agreement with the selling shareholders, this prospectus generally covers the resale of the sum of (i) the number of shares of common stock issued to the selling shareholders in the October 2015 Private Placement and (ii) the maximum number of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the related warrants, determined as if the outstanding warrants were exercised in full as of the trading day immediately preceding the date this registration statement was initially filed with the SEC, each as of the trading day immediately preceding the applicable date of determination and all subject to adjustment as provided in the registration right agreement, without regard to any limitations on the exercise of the warrants. The fourth column assumes the sale of all of the shares offered by the selling shareholders pursuant to this prospectus.

Under the terms of the warrants, a selling shareholder may not exercise the warrants to the extent such exercise would cause such selling shareholder, together with its affiliates, to beneficially own a number of shares of common stock which would exceed 4.99% of our then outstanding common stock following such exercise, excluding for purposes of such determination shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants which have not been exercised. The number of shares in the second column does not reflect this limitation. The selling shareholders may sell all, some or none of their shares in this offering. See “Plan of Distribution.”

Edgar Filing: Genius Brands International, Inc. - Form S-1

Selling stockholder	Number of shares beneficially owned before offering	Number of shares offered	Number of shares beneficially owned after offering	Percentage of outstanding shares beneficially owned after offering (1)
Alexis Bard Johnson	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
American Capital Management LLC (3)	200,000	100,000 (4)	100,000	*
Angus Patrick Deeney UTMA Joseph Reda as Custodian (5)	35,000	20,000 (6)	15,000	*
Anne R. Brown IRR Trust UAD 3.30.1990 (7)	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
Anson Investments Master Fund LP (8)	700,000	700,000 (9)	0	*
Bard Micro Cap Value Fund LP (10)	200,000	200,000 (11)	0	*
Breanna Maria Reda UTMA Joseph Reda as Custodian (5)	35,000	20,000 (6)	15,000	*
Brio Capital Master Fund Ltd. (12)	1,041,450	700,000 (9)	341,450	2.3%
Carey Family Trust UAD 2/7/94 (13)	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
Claire Estie Deeney UTMA Joseph Reda as Custodian (5)	35,000	20,000 (2)	15,000	*
CVI Investments, Inc. (5) (14)	200,000	200,000 (11)	0	*
David Jenkins	200,000	200,000 (11)	0	*
Deborah B. Dewing Trust 6-1-1999	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
Declaration of Trust of Dale F. Snavely UAD 3.30.93	100,000	100,000 (4)	0	*
Dustin Russell Reda UTMA Joseph Reda as Custodian (5)	35,000	20,000 (2)	15,000	*
Elizabeth Arno	70,000	70,000 (15)	0	*
Elliot J. Steinbaum	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
Empery Asset Master, Ltd (16)	230,702	230,702 (17)	0	*
Empery Tax Efficient II, LP (18)	217,854	217,854 (19)	0	*
Empery Tax Efficient, LP (20)	151,444	151,444 (21)	0	*
Goron K. Kapes	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
Henry J. Underwood Trust UAD 6/25/02	80,000	80,000 (22)	0	*
Intracoastal Capital, LLC (5) (23)	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
Iroquois Capital Investment Group, LLC (24)	163,793	150,000 (25)	13,793	*
Iroquois Master Fund Ltd. (26)	1,171,452	400,000 (27)	854,652	5.5%

Edgar Filing: Genius Brands International, Inc. - Form S-1

James D. Gerson	600,000	600,000 (28)	0	*
James Leland Boddy	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
Jason Adelman (5)	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
JBA Investments LLC (5) (29)	30,000	30,000 (30)	0	*
Joseph William Reda UTMA Joseph Reda as Custodian (5)	35,000	20,000 (2)	15,000	*
Katharine B. Dickson & Mark A. Dickson JTWROS	200,000	200,000 (11)	0	*
Kingsbrook Opportunities Master Fund LP (31)	450,000	200,000 (11)	250,000	1.7%
Laurie M. Harmon Trust of 1996 UAD 9/12/96	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
M. Edward Sellers & Suzan D. Boyd JTWROS	200,000	200,000 (11)	0	*
Marvin J. Pollack Trust UAD 5.22.90	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
Mary A Heatter Trust UAD 6.28.2004	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
Michael E. Donnelly (5)	55,000	50,000 (2)	5,000	*
MJA Investments (5) (29)	30,000	30,000 (30)	0	*
Next Generation Trust Services FBO Andrew Arno IRA (5)	70,000	70,000 (15)	0	*
Palm Global Fund, LLC (32)	200,000	200,000 (11)	0	*
Richard Molinsky	125,000	100,000 (4)	25,000	*
Robert S. Steinbaum	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
Rosemary Steinbaum	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
Scot Cohen	150,000	150,000 (25)	0	*
Seville Enterprises L.P. (33)	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
Sidney N. Herman	200,000	200,000 (11)	0	*
Steinbaum Family Trust (34)	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
T. Michael Johnson & Patricia R. Johnson JTWROS	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
The Special Equities Group, LLC(5) (35)	530,000	470,000 (36)	60,000	*
Timothy B. Johnson	200,000	200,000 (11)	0	*
William G Escamilla Trust UAD 7/29/03	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
William Kellogg 2011 Trust UAD 1-4-11 FBO C. Kellogg (37)	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
William Kellogg 2011 Trust UAD 1-4-11 FBO K. Kellogg (37)	50,000	50,000 (2)	0	*
Chardan Capital Markets, LLC (39)	175,000	85,000 (38)	90,000	*

- (1) Based on 10,859,450 shares of common stock outstanding as of November 16, 2015.
- (2) Includes 25,000 shares of common stock and 25,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement.
- (3) Kimberly Page has voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the selling stockholder.
- (4) Includes 50,000 shares of common stock and 50,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement.  
The selling stockholder is an affiliate of a broker-dealer. The selling stockholder purchased the securities in the ordinary course of business, and at the time of the purchase of the securities, did not have any agreements or understandings, directly or indirectly, with any purchase to distribute the securities.
- (5) Includes 10,000 shares of common stock and 10,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement.
- (6) Rocky W. Hudson has voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the selling stockholder.  
M5V Advisors Inc and Frigate Ventures LP (“M5V” and “Frigate”), the Co-Investment Advisers of Anson Investments Master Fund LP (“Anson”), hold voting and dispositive power over the common shares held by Anson. Bruce
- (7) Winson is the managing member of Admiralty Advisors LLC, which is the general partner of Frigate. Moez Kassam and Adam Spears are directors of M5V. Mr. Winson, Mr. Kassam and Mr. Spears each disclaim beneficial ownership of these common shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
- (8) Includes 350,000 shares of common stock and 350,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement.
- (9) Timothy B. Johnson has voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the selling stockholder.
- (10) Includes 100,000 shares of common stock and 100,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement.
- (11) Shaye Hirsch has voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the selling stockholder.
- (12) Stuart S. Carey has voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the selling stockholder.  
Heights Capital Management, Inc., the authorized agent of CVI Investments Inc. (“CVI”) has discretionary authority to vote and dispose of the shares held by CVI and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these
- (13) shares. Martin Kobinger, in his capacity as Investment Manager of Heights Capital Management, Inc., may also be deemed to have investment discretion and voting power over the share held by CVI. Mr. Kobinger disclaims any beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (14) Includes 35,000 shares of common stock and 35,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement.  
Empery Asset Management LP, the authorized agent of Empery Asset Master Ltd (“EAM”), has discretionary authority to vote and dispose of the shares held by EAM and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these
- (15) shares. Martin Hoe and Ryan Lane, in their capacity as investment managers of Empery Asset Management LP, may also be deemed to have investment discretion and voting power over the shares held by EAM. EAM, Mr. Hoe and Mr. Lane each disclaim any beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (16) Includes 115,351 shares of common stock and 115,351 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement.  
Empery Asset Management LP, the authorized agent of Empery Tax Efficient II, LP (“ETE II”), has discretionary authority to vote and dispose of the shares held by ETE II and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these
- (17) shares. Martin Hoe and Ryan Lane, in their capacity as investment managers of Empery Asset Management LP, may also be deemed to have investment discretion and voting power over the shares held by ETE II. ETE II, Mr. Hoe and Mr. Lane each disclaim any beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (18) Includes 108,927 shares of common stock and 108,927 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement.
- (19)

Empery Asset Management LP, the authorized agent of Empery Tax Efficient, LP (“ETE”), has discretionary authority to vote and dispose of the shares held by ETE and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these (20) shares. Martin Hoe and Ryan Lane, in their capacity as investment managers of Empery Asset Management LP, may also be deemed to have investment discretion and voting power over the shares held by ETE. ETE, Mr. Hoe and Mr. Lane each disclaim any beneficial ownership of these shares.

(21) Includes 75,722 shares of common stock and 75,722 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement.

(22) Includes 40,000 shares of common stock and 40,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement.

Michael P. Kopin and Daniel B. Asher, each of whom are managers of Intracoastal Capital LLC (“Intercoastal”), have shared voting control and investment discretion over the securities reported herein that are held by Intracoastal. As a result, each of Mr. Kopin and Mr. Asher may be deemed to have beneficial ownership (as determined under Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act of the securities reported herein that are held by (23) Intracoastal. Mr. Asher, who is a manager of Intracoastal, is also a control person of a broker-dealer. As a result of such common control, Intracoastal may be deemed to be an affiliate of a broker-dealer. Intracoastal acquired the securities being registered hereunder in the ordinary course of business, and at the time of the acquisition of the securities, Intracoastal did not have any arrangements or understandings with any person to distribute such securities.

- (24) Richard Abbe and Joshua Silverman have voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the selling stockholder.
- (25) Includes 75,000 shares of common stock and 75,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement.  
Iroquois Capital Management, L.L.C. (“Iroquois Capital”) is the investment manager of Iroquois Master Fund, Ltd (“IMF”). Consequently, Iroquois has voting and investment discretion over securities held by IMF. As managing members of Iroquois Capital, Joshua Silverman and Richard Abbe make voting and investment decisions on behalf of Iroquois Capital in its capacity as investment manager to IMF. As a result of the foregoing, Mr. Silverman and Mr. Abbe may be deemed to have beneficial ownership (as determined under Section 13d of the Exchange Act) of the securities held by IMF. The selling stockholder owns shares of Series A Preferred Stock which may not be converted to common stock to the extent such conversion would result in the holder beneficially owning more than 9.99% of the outstanding common stock. The number of shares deemed beneficially owned is limited accordingly. See “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Ownership and Management”.
- (26) Includes 200,000 shares of common stock and 200,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement.
- (27) Includes 300,000 shares of common stock and 300,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement.
- (28) Andrew Arno has voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the selling stockholder.
- (29) Includes 15,000 shares of common stock and 15,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement.  
Kingsbrook Partners LP (“Kingsbrook Partners”) is the investment manager of Kingsbrook Opportunities Master Fund LP (“Kingsbrook Opportunities”) and consequently has voting control and investment discretion over securities held by Kingsbrook Opportunities. Kingsbrook Opportunities GP LLC (“Opportunities GP”) is the general partner of Kingsbrook Opportunities and may be considered the beneficial owner of any securities deemed to be beneficially owned by Kingsbrook Opportunities. KB GP LLC (“GP LLC”) is the general partner of Kingsbrook Partners and may be considered the beneficial owner of any securities deemed to be beneficially owned by Kingsbrook Partners. Ari J. Storch, Adam J. Chill and Scott M. Wallace are the sole managing members of Opportunities GP and GP LLC and as a result may be considered beneficial owners of any securities deemed beneficially owned by Opportunities GP and GP LLC. Each of Kingsbrook Partners, Opportunities GP, GP LLC and Messrs. Storch, Chill and Wallace disclaim beneficial ownership of these securities.
- (30) Kingsbrook Partners and may be considered the beneficial owner of any securities deemed to be beneficially owned by Kingsbrook Partners. Ari J. Storch, Adam J. Chill and Scott M. Wallace are the sole managing members of Opportunities GP and GP LLC and as a result may be considered beneficial owners of any securities deemed beneficially owned by Opportunities GP and GP LLC. Each of Kingsbrook Partners, Opportunities GP, GP LLC and Messrs. Storch, Chill and Wallace disclaim beneficial ownership of these securities.
- (31) Kingsbrook Partners and may be considered the beneficial owner of any securities deemed to be beneficially owned by Kingsbrook Partners. Ari J. Storch, Adam J. Chill and Scott M. Wallace are the sole managing members of Opportunities GP and GP LLC and as a result may be considered beneficial owners of any securities deemed beneficially owned by Opportunities GP and GP LLC. Each of Kingsbrook Partners, Opportunities GP, GP LLC and Messrs. Storch, Chill and Wallace disclaim beneficial ownership of these securities.
- (32) Bradley C. Palmer has voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the selling stockholder.
- (33) Marvin J. Pollock has voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the selling stockholder.
- (34) Robert S. Steinbaum has voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the selling stockholder.
- (35) Jon Schechter and Joe Reda have voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the selling stockholder.  
Includes (i) 65,000 shares of common stock issued in the October 2015 Private Placement, (ii) 65,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement, and (iii) 340,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of Placement Agent Warrants.
- (36) Includes (i) 65,000 shares of common stock issued in the October 2015 Private Placement, (ii) 65,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued in the October 2015 Private Placement, and (iii) 340,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of Placement Agent Warrants.
- (37) Henry J. Underwood has voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the selling stockholder.
- (38) Represents shares issuable upon exercise of Placement Agent Warrants.  
The selling stockholder is a broker-dealer. The selling stockholder acquired the securities as compensation for investment banking services. Steven Urbach has voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the selling stockholder.
- (39) investment banking services. Steven Urbach has voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the selling stockholder.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Each selling stockholder of the securities and any of their pledgees, assignees and successors-in-interest may, from time to time, sell any or all of their securities covered hereby on the OTCQB or any other stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the securities are traded or in private transactions. These sales may be at fixed or negotiated prices. A selling stockholder may use any one or more of the following methods when selling securities:

- ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
- block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the securities as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;
- privately negotiated transactions;
- settlement of short sales;
- in transactions through broker-dealers that agree with the selling stockholders to sell a specified number of such securities at a stipulated price per security;
- through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise;
- a combination of any such methods of sale; or
- any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

The selling stockholders may also sell securities under Rule 144 or any other available exemption from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), if available, rather than under this prospectus.

Broker-dealers engaged by the selling stockholders may arrange for other brokers-dealers to participate in sales. Broker-dealers may receive commissions or discounts from the selling stockholders (or, if any broker-dealer acts as agent for the purchaser of securities, from the purchaser) in amounts to be negotiated, but, except as set forth in a supplement to this prospectus, in the case of an agency transaction not in excess of a customary brokerage commission in compliance with FINRA Rule 2440; and in the case of a principal transaction a markup or markdown in compliance with FINRA IM-2440.

In connection with the sale of the securities or interests therein, the selling stockholders may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of the securities in the course of hedging the positions they assume. The selling stockholders may also sell securities short and deliver these securities to close out their short positions, or loan or pledge the securities to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these securities. The selling stockholders may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or create one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of securities offered by this prospectus, which securities such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to



reflect such transaction).

The selling stockholders and any broker-dealers or agents that are involved in selling the securities may be deemed to be “underwriters” within the meaning of the Securities Act in connection with such sales. In such event, any commissions received by such broker-dealers or agents and any profit on the resale of the securities purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act. Each selling stockholder has informed the Company that it does not have any written or oral agreement or understanding, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute the securities.

The Company is required to pay certain fees and expenses incurred by the Company incident to the registration of the securities. The Company has agreed to indemnify the selling stockholders against certain losses, claims, damages and liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

We agreed to keep this prospectus effective until the earlier of (i) the date on which the securities may be resold by the selling stockholders without registration and without regard to any volume or manner-of-sale limitations by reason of Rule 144, without the requirement for the Company to be in compliance with the current public information under Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any other rule of similar effect or (ii) all of the securities have been sold pursuant to this prospectus or Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any other rule of similar effect. The resale securities will be sold only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers if required under applicable state securities laws. In addition, in certain states, the resale securities covered hereby may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

Under applicable rules and regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), any person engaged in the distribution of the resale securities may not simultaneously engage in market making activities with respect to the common stock for the applicable restricted period, as defined in Regulation M, prior to the commencement of the distribution. In addition, the selling stockholders will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, including Regulation M, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of the common stock by the selling stockholders or any other person. We will make copies of this prospectus available to the selling stockholders and have informed them of the need to deliver a copy of this prospectus to each purchaser at or prior to the time of the sale (including by compliance with Rule 172 under the Securities Act).

## **DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES**

### **Authorized Capital Stock**

We have authorized 710,000,000 shares of capital stock, of which 700,000,000 are shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and 10,000,000 are shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001.

### **Capital Stock Issued and Outstanding**

As of November 16, 2015, we have issued and outstanding:

- 10,859,450 shares of common stock; and
- 5,690 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock which are convertible into 5,690,000 shares of common stock.

### **Common Stock**

The holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote per share. In addition, the holders of our common stock will be entitled to receive ratably such dividends, if any, as may be declared by our Board of Directors out of legally available funds; however, the current policy of our Board of Directors is to retain earnings, if any, for operations and growth. Upon liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, the holders of our common stock will be entitled to share ratably

in all assets that are legally available for distribution. The holders of our common stock will have no preemptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of our common stock will be subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of any series of preferred stock, which may be designated solely by action of our board of directors and issued in the future.

## **Preferred Stock**

Our Board of Directors is authorized, subject to any limitations prescribed by law, without further vote or action by our stockholders, to issue from time to time shares of preferred stock in one or more series. Each series of preferred stock will have such number of shares, designations, preferences, voting powers, qualifications and special or relative rights or privileges as shall be determined by our Board of Directors, which may include, among others, dividend rights, voting rights, liquidation preferences, conversion rights and preemptive rights.

### *Series A Convertible Preferred Stock*

We have designated six thousand (6,000) shares of preferred stock as Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. Each share of Series A Preferred Stock is convertible into shares of our common stock based on a conversion calculation equal to the Base Amount divided by the conversion price. The Base Amount is defined as the sum of (i) the aggregate stated value of the Series A Preferred Stock to be converted and (ii) all unpaid dividends thereon. The stated value of each share of the Series A Preferred Stock is \$1,000 and the initial conversion price is \$2.00 per share, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, dividends and recapitalizations. Additionally, in the event we issue shares of our common stock or common stock equivalents at a per share price that is lower than the conversion price then in effect, the conversion price shall be adjusted to such lower price, subject to certain exceptions. Accordingly, in connection with the closing of the October 2015 Private Placement, the conversion price of the Series A Preferred Stock was reduced to \$1.00. We are prohibited from effecting a conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock to the extent that as a result of such conversion, the holder would beneficially own more than 9.99% in the aggregate of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock, calculated immediately after giving effect to the issuance of shares of common stock upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock. The shares of Series A Preferred Stock possess no voting rights.

## **Options and Warrants**

### *Options*

We adopted our 2008 Stock Option Plan pursuant to which 500,000 shares of our common stock are reserved for issuance to employees, directors, consultants, and other service providers, and our 2015 Incentive Plan, pursuant to which 450,000 shares of common stock are reserved for issuance. To date, 0 options have been granted under the 2008 Stock Option Plan and the 2015 Incentive Plan, respectively.

### *Warrants*

We have issued and outstanding warrants to purchase 5,055,000 shares of our common stock.

## **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

Our registrar and transfer agent is VStock Transfer LLC, 18 Lafayette Place, Woodmere, NY 11598.

## **DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

### **General**

Genius Brands International, Inc. is a global content and brand management company dedicated to providing entertaining and enriching “content and products with a purpose” for toddlers to tweens. Led by industry veterans Andrew Heyward (Chief Executive Officer) and Amy Moynihan Heyward (President), we produce original content and license the rights to that content to a variety of partners. Our licensees include (i) companies to which the audio-visual rights are licensed for exhibition in various formats such as Pay Television, Free or Broadcast Television, Video-on-Demand (“VOD”), subscription on demand (“SVOD”), DVDs/CDs and more and (ii) companies that develop and distribute products based on our content within different product categories such as toys, electronics, publishing, home goods, stationary, gifts, and more.

We own a portfolio of original children's entertainment that is targeted at toddlers to teens including the award-winning *Baby Genius*, Warren Buffett's *Secret Millionaires Club*, *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab* and *Stan Lee's Mighty*, the first project from *Stan Lee Comics, LLC*, a joint venture with legendary Stan Lee's POW! Entertainment.

In addition to our wholly-owned brands, we also act as licensing agent for certain brands, leveraging our existing licensing infrastructure to expand these brands into new product categories, new retailers, and new territories. These include the best-selling children's book series, *Llama Llama; Psycho Bunny*, a luxury apparel line; *From Frank*, a humor greeting card and product line; and *Celessence Technologies*, the world's leading microencapsulation company.

We commenced operations in January 2006, assuming all of the rights and obligations of our then Chief Executive Officer, under an Asset Purchase Agreement between the Company and Genius Products, Inc., in which we obtained all rights, copyrights, and trademarks to the brands "Baby Genius," "Little Genius," "Kid Genius," "123 Favorite Music" and "Wee Worship," and all then existing productions under those titles. In October 2011, we (i) changed our domicile to Nevada from California, and (ii) changed our name to Genius Brands International, Inc. from Pacific Entertainment Corporation (the "Reincorporation"). In connection with the Reincorporation, the trading symbol of our common stock changed from "PENT" to "GNUS".

On November 15, 2013, we entered into an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the "Merger Agreement") with A Squared Entertainment LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("A Squared"), A Squared Holdings LLC, a California limited liability company and sole member of A Squared (the "Parent Member") and A2E Acquisition LLC, its newly formed, wholly-owned Delaware subsidiary ("Acquisition Sub"). Upon closing of the transactions contemplated under the Merger Agreement (the "Merger"), which occurred concurrently with entering into the Merger Agreement, the Acquisition Sub merged with and into A Squared, and A Squared, as the surviving entity, became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. As a result of the Merger, we acquired the business and operations of A Squared.

## Strategic Initiatives

During 2014, we began a series of strategic initiatives to restructure certain areas of business in an effort to operate more profitably in the long run. This included product sales, content distribution, production, and product development, including as follows:

During the second quarter of 2014, we began phasing out the direct production and sale of physical products including DVDs and CDs and shifted to a licensing model whereby these functions were outsourced to industry 1)experts and category leaders in their respective industries. On July 14, 2014, we hired Stone Newman in the newly created position of President - Global Consumer Products to leverage his experience and relationships to manage all consumer products, licensing and merchandising sales for the Company's brands.

Prior to the third quarter of 2014, we utilized an agency to license our content to international television 2)expanding portfolio of content, during the second quarter of 2014, we formed a new global distribution division and broadcasters, home video, and digital distribution outlets. To exert greater control over the distribution of our appointed Andrew Berman to the newly created position of Senior Vice President - International Sales to oversee the division and the appointment of regional agents to represent us locally in key regions.

During the third and fourth quarter of 2014, we partnered with various pre-production, production, and animation 3) companies to provide services to us for the production of *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab* in exchange for a certain percentage of the series' forthcoming adjusted net revenues and the ability to distribute the series in certain languages in certain territories. This model helps to better manage our cash flows while enabling us to exploit territories that would otherwise be challenging to manage and monetize. We intend to replicate the model for future productions.

The infrastructure we have put in place enables us to efficiently exploit a growing portfolio of brands. We are 4) actively developing a number of new brands to add to our growing portfolio and consistently look for existing brands to acquire or act as licensing agent, as with the best-selling line of books, *Llama Llama* which we recently signed. We remain focused on brands that lend themselves to interactive exploitation in multiple areas and are consistent with our primary point of differentiation: providing multi-media "content and products with a purpose" that entertain and enrich kids.

## Recent Events

Consistent with our strategy of securing widespread distribution for our content in a variety of formats and building awareness and engagement for our brands that in turn drives our consumer products business, we have expanded our successful relationship with Comcast, beyond the already popular *Baby Genius* on-demand offering. In October 2015,

we launched and commenced operating everything from advertising to programming of a new Kid Genius Cartoon Channel, offering video-on-demand content on an on-demand basis consistent with our “content and products with a purpose” mission. The new video on-demand channel includes our own content, in addition to other content we curate to offer a robust line-up for kids. Our Senior Vice President- International Sales, Andrew Berman, oversees the channel.

## **Products**

### *Original Content*

We own and produce original content that is meant to entertain and enrich toddlers to tweens. We have found it generally requires a period of three years from the inception of an idea, through production of the content and development and distribution of a range of consumer products to retail, creating an inevitable lag between the creation of the intellectual property to the realization of economic or accounting benefit of those assets. Our goal is to maintain a robust and diverse portfolio of brands, appealing to various interests and ages, featuring evergreen topics with global appeal. Our portfolio of intellectual property can be licensed, re-licensed, and exploited for years to come, with revenue derived from multiple sources and territories.

Our portfolio of original content includes:

#### *Already Released Content*

*Baby Genius*: For more than ten years, Baby Genius has earned worldwide recognition for creating award-winning products for toddlers. Its catalogue of 500 songs, 125 music videos, and toys feature classic nursery rhymes, learning songs, classical music, holiday favorites and more. Expanding the timeless appeal of Baby Genius offerings, we re-launched Baby Genius in September 2015 with fresh, new designs, new entertainment and an array of new toddler products.

*Warren Buffett's Secret Millionaire's Club*: In this popular animated series, Warren Buffett acts as a mentor to a group of kids who have international adventures in business. Secret Millionaire's Club empowers kids by helping them learn about the business of life and the importance of developing healthy life habits at an early age. In addition to the animated series, product offerings include classroom materials, an annual youth promotion, books, home video and a new line of consumer products introduced in the fall of 2015.

*Stan Lee's Mighty 7*: This animated feature length film is the first property from Stan Lee Comics, LLC, a joint venture with legendary superhero creator Stan Lee. We continue to expand distribution of the film with recent sales in a number of international territories.

*Martha & Friends*: Martha & Friends is an animated series featuring a 10-year-old Martha Stewart. Together with her three best friends and two dogs, the kids learn how easy and fun it is to do-it-yourself. Every show is filled with lots of projects kids can do by themselves.

*Gisele & the Green Team*: Supermodel turned superhero, Gisele and her team lead a double life to save the planet. This is the first superhero series that inspires girls to be environmentally responsible while also celebrating diversity and teaching children the power of friendship and teamwork.

#### *Current Production*

*Thomas Edison's Secret Lab*: In this new, original series created by us in partnership with American Public Television and Charles Edison Fund, kids learn how fun science and math can be with Thomas Edison. In this new comedy adventure series, a group of kids discover a secret lab left behind by Edison, who also appears as a hologram guiding and encouraging the kids to explore and discover the world around them. The series began to air on Netflix, starting in July 2015, and on Comcast and PBS in the Fall of 2015, with a line of consumer products to follow in early 2016.

#### *Content in Development*

*Llama Llama*: We recently announced we have been appointed to lead the worldwide expansion of Anna Dewdney's New York Times bestselling and multiple award-winning children's book franchise, Llama Llama. We will be



creating, for the first time, animated content based on the Llama Llama books for multiplatform distribution in addition to a global licensing and merchandise program for Llama Llama across a multitude of categories, including toys, games, apparel, accessories, bedding, and healthy snacks to be introduced in 2016.

*Space Pop*: Space Pop is space-adventure/comedy series targeted toward tween girls blending fashion, music, and friendship.

*Girl's Property #2*: A second girls' property targeted toward tween girls is based on an existing and established brand currently in the retail market.

*Stan Lee Property #2*: A kid-friendly superhero brand developed with Stan Lee to appeal to a younger audience.

### Licensing Agent

Augmenting our original content, we act as an agent for the following established brands which maximizes the existing infrastructure while creating incremental sources of revenue for us without additional overhead:

*Psycho Bunny*: Inspired by the 17th-century maritime marauders and secret societies such as the infamous Skull & Bones, Psycho Bunny creates timeless wardrobe essentials that couple refined English tailoring with bold American design. Currently available in limited product categories in upscale department stores, we are expanding this popular brand to additional product lines, new retail outlets, and additional international territories. We have already signed licensees for headwear and footwear.

*From Frank*: Already a popular line of greeting cards, we are expanding the brand into new product categories and have already signed licensees for publishing, stationery, gifts, lottery and more.

*Celessence*: Celessence's microencapsulation technology releases fragrance and is used to scent products including socks, stationery, toys, bedding and pillows. We are licensing this technology to a range of products from homewares, bedding, fragrance, automotive, pets, apparel and more.

*Llama Llama*: With 9.4 million units in print, Anna Dewdney's Llama Llama books have all been New York Times bestsellers, with several titles claiming the #1 spot. Her work has been translated into eight languages. Praised as a "geographer extraordinaire of the emotional terrain of preschoolers and their mothers" (Chicago Tribune), Dewdney's soothing tales are synonymous with calming early childhood anxiety. Llama Llama Red Pajama was chosen as Jumpstart's Read for the Record book in 2011, setting the world record for the most reads of a particular book on one day. Dewdney is an outspoken advocate for literacy and many states and non-profits use her books for literacy campaigns and programs, including the Library of Congress.

## **Distribution**

Children today spend upwards of 35 hours/week consuming various forms of media, a 7% increase or an additional 2.2 hours since 2009 (Source: Nickelodeon, November 2013). With the increased demand for and impact of media on kids' lives, we are focused on serving an underrepresented segment of the industry, namely "content with a purpose" meaning content that is both entertaining and enriching in a variety of interactive formats. With this distinct and focused mission, we are focused on expanding content distribution across multi-media platforms, extending our domestic and international presence, building awareness for our brands and building an engaged audience which in turn drives demand for its consumer products.

During 2014, we recruited and hired a number of key personnel to manage the distribution of our content across all platforms in all markets:

We formed a new global distribution division and appointed Andrew Berman to the newly created position of Senior Vice President - International Sales to oversee the division and the appointment of regional agents to represent us locally in key regions and in all formats, including Pay Television, Free or Broadcast Television, Video-on-Demand ("VOD"), subscription on demand ("SVOD"), DVDs/CDs and more.

We formed a new global consumer products division and appointed Stone Newman to the newly created position of President, Global Consumer Products to manage all consumer products, licensing and merchandising sales for the Company's brands, including toys, electronics, publishing, home goods, stationary, gifts, and much more.

Additionally, during the first quarter of 2014, we entered into an exclusive three year agreement with Sony DADC, the optical disc manufacturing and fulfillment arm of Sony, to provide all CD, DVD and BD replication, packaging and distribution to our customers. Under the terms of the long-term, exclusive supply chain services agreement, we will order a minimum level of disc replication, packaging and distribution services for our content across all physical media, including DVD, CD, and Blu-ray from Sony DADC. As consideration for these minimum order levels, we received a total of \$1,500,000, \$750,000 during the first quarter of 2014 and \$750,000 during the first quarter of 2015.

## **Marketing**

The commercial success of every Genius Brands property is reliant on our ability to attract an engaged audience that in turn drives demand for our products. As our properties are introduced into the marketplace, these efforts will intensify to ensure parents and kids are aware of our offerings. For example:

We formed a new Digital division and appointed industry veteran Jason Brumbaugh to the newly created position of Vice President of Digital, responsible for our digital presence in addition to all forms of online marketing that will be critical to building engaged audiences online. Mr. Brumbaugh held producer and senior producer positions at Disney Interactive Media Group, the Hub Network, DIC Entertainment, and Knowledge Kid Network.

We work with 360-Communications, a public relations agency that proactively solicits publicity for our content and products, both among the trade and consumers.

## **Competition**

We compete against creators of children's content, including Disney, Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, Sesame Street, and many others, small and large. In the crowded children's entertainment space, we compete with other content creators for distribution and retail shelf space that is largely now dedicated to the large studios. To compete, we are focused on filling a void in the marketplace by offering something the big studios do not: "content and products with a purpose," a positioning and important point of differentiation embraced by the industry, as well as parents and educators.

## **Customers and Licensees**

During 2014, we were reliant on one or a few major customers. However, given the changes in our business model, we will be working with a larger network of customers and partners from around the world including broadcasters, consumer products licensees, and retailers. This broad cross section includes companies such as Comcast, Netflix, Sony, PBS, Leap Frog Enterprises, Enesco, Zak Designs, Penguin Publishing, Manhattan Toys, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Target, Bertelsmann Music Group, InGrooves, Discovery International, TF1 and many others both domestically and internationally.

## **Government Regulation**

The FCC requires broadcast networks to air a required number of hours of Educational and Informational content (E/I). We are also subject to online distribution regulations, namely the FTC's Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) which regulates the collection of information of kids younger than 13 years old.

We are currently subject to regulations applicable to businesses generally, including numerous federal and state laws that impose disclosure and other requirements upon the origination, servicing, enforcement and advertising of credit accounts, and limitations on the maximum amount of finance charges that may be charged by a credit provider. Although credit to some of our customers is provided by third parties without recourse to us based upon a customer's failure to pay, any restrictive change in the regulation of credit, including the imposition of, or changes in, interest rate ceilings, could adversely affect the cost or availability of credit to our customers and, consequently, our results of operations or financial condition.

Licensed toy products are subject to regulation under the Consumer Product Safety Act and regulations issued thereunder. These laws authorize the Consumer Product Safety Commission (the "CPSC") to protect the public from products which present a substantial risk of injury. The CPSC can require the manufacturer of defective products to repurchase or recall such products. The CPSC may also impose fines or penalties on manufacturers or retailers. Similar laws exist in some cities and other countries in which we plan to market our products. Although we do not manufacture and may not directly distribute the toy products, a recall of any of the products may adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

We also maintain websites which include our corporate website located at [www.gnusbrands.com](http://www.gnusbrands.com), as well as [www.babygenius.com](http://www.babygenius.com), [www.smckids.com](http://www.smckids.com), [www.slam7.com](http://www.slam7.com), and [www.edisonsecretlab.com](http://www.edisonsecretlab.com). These websites are subject to laws and regulations directly applicable to Internet communications and commerce, which is a currently developing area of the law. The United States has enacted Internet laws on children's privacy, copyrights and taxation. However, laws governing the Internet remain largely unsettled. The growth of the market for Internet commerce may result in more stringent consumer protection laws, both in the United States and abroad, that place additional burdens on companies conducting business over the Internet. We cannot predict with certainty what impact such laws will have on our business in the future. In order to comply with new or existing laws regulating Internet commerce, we may need to modify the manner in which we conduct our website business, which may result in additional expense.

Because our products are manufactured by third parties and licensees, we are not significantly affected by federal, state and local environmental laws and do not have significant costs associated with compliance with such laws and regulations.

## **Employees**

As of November 16, 2015, we had fifteen full-time equivalent employees and an additional four temporary or contracted full-time equivalents in certain functions, such as production management and design. We engage on an outsourced, as-needed basis contractors in the fields of investor relations, public relations, and production. We believe all of our employee relationships to be good.

## Intellectual Property

As of November 16, 2015, we own the following properties and related trademarks: *Secret Millionaires Club*, *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab*, "Baby Genius", "Little Genius", "Kid Genius", "Wee Worship", "A Squared", and "Ready, Play, Learn" well as several other names and trademarks on characters that had been developed for our content and brands. *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab*, currently in production and estimated to be completed in the summer of 2016, will include 52 eleven-minute episodes as well as 52 90-second music videos.

As of November 16, 2015, we hold fourteen registered trademarks in multiple classes in the United States as well as additional trademarks in the United States that are associated with our other brands. We also have a number of registered and pending trademarks in Europe and other countries in which our products are sold.

As of November 16, 2015, we also held ninety-six motion picture, thirteen sound recording and one literary work copyrights related to our video, music and written work products.

We own a two-thirds ownership interest in Stan Lee Comics, LLC which owns the publishing brand *Stan Lee Comics* and all properties produced therein. Stan Lee Comics, LLC is a joint venture with Stan Lee's POW! Entertainment and Archie Comics. Stan Lee Comics, LLC is the owner of the *Stan Lee's Mighty 7* property.

We are party to 50/50 ownership agreements with the following partners and their related brands: Martha Stewart's *Martha & Friends*; and Gisele Bündchen's *Gisele & the Green Team*.

In addition to the wholly-owned or partially-owned properties listed above, we have agreements with certain intellectual property owners to represent their content as a licensing agent. We act as a licensing agent for the following established brands: *Llama Llama*, *Psycho Bunny*, *From Frank*, and *Celescence*.

## **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

We own no real estate property. We lease approximately 3,251 square feet of general office space at 301 North Canon Drive, Suite 305, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 pursuant to a 35-month sub-lease that commenced on May 1, 2015. We pay approximately \$136,542 annually, subject to annual escalations of 3%.

## **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

There are presently no material pending legal proceedings to which we are a party or as to which any of our property is subject, and no such proceedings are known to us to be threatened or contemplated against us.

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

*The following discussion and analysis should be read together with our financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. This discussion contains forward-looking statements reflecting our current expectations that involve risks and uncertainties. See "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and Industry Data" for a discussion of the uncertainties, risks and assumptions associated with these statements. Actual results and the timing of events could differ materially from those discussed in our forward-looking statements as a result of many factors, including those set forth under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus.*

### **Overview**

The MD&A is based on our financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make certain estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

### **Results of Operations**

*Comparison of Results of Operations for the Three months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014*

Below is a discussion of our operating results for the three months ended September 30, 2015, compared to our operating results during the comparable period in 2014. Net loss for the three months ended September, 2015, was \$797,820 compared to net loss of \$848,970 for the three months ended September 30, 2014. The decrease in net loss resulted from a decrease in revenue, a decrease in costs of sales, increases in operating costs, and offset by decreases in other expense, as described below.

**Revenues.**

	<b>9/30/2015</b>	<b>9/30/2014</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Licensing & Royalties	\$98,035	\$53,774	\$44,261	82%
Television & Home Entertainment	182,715	25,635	157,080	613%
Product Sales	–	239,392	(239,392)	-100%
Total Revenue	\$280,750	\$318,801	\$(38,051)	-12%

Licensing and royalty revenue includes items for which we license the rights to our copyrights and trademarks of our brands and those of the brands in which we act as a licensing agent. During the three months ended September 30, 2015 compared to September 30, 2014, this category increased \$44,261 due to an increase in revenue from our established agency properties while the licensing programs of wholly owned properties are in development.

Television & Home Entertainment revenue is generated from distribution of our properties for broadcast on television, VOD, or SVOD in domestic and foreign markets and the sale of DVDs for home entertainment. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, Television & Home Entertainment revenue increased \$157,080 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2014, as we continue to earn revenue from properties previously completed and begin delivering and meeting revenue recognition criteria of our current projects.

Product sales represent physical products including DVDs and CDs in which the Company holds intellectual property rights such as trademarks and copyrights to the characters and which are manufactured and sold by the Company either directly at wholesale to retail stores or online retailers. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, there were no product sales, for a decrease of \$239,392 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2014 due to the change in business strategy whereby the Company has transitioned from the direct production and sale of physical products and their associated low-margins, to a licensing model in which these functions were outsourced to industry experts and category leaders. The Company plans to re-launch its *Baby Genius* brand in fourth quarter 2015 utilizing a newly designed and expanded product line, resulting in a period-over-period loss in *Baby Genius* sales.





Product sales represent physical products including DVDs and CDs in which the Company holds intellectual property rights such as trademarks and copyrights to the characters and which are manufactured and sold by the Company either directly at wholesale to retail stores or online retailers. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, there were no product sales, for a decrease of \$239,392 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2014 due to the change in business strategy whereby the Company has transitioned from the direct production and sale of physical products and their associated low-margins, to a licensing model in which these functions were outsourced to industry experts and category leaders. The Company plans to re-launch its *Baby Genius* brand in fourth quarter 2015 utilizing a newly designed and expanded product line, resulting in a period-over-period loss in *Baby Genius* sales.

### *Cost of Sales and Operating Costs.*

	<b>9/30/2015</b>	<b>9/30/2014</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Cost of Sales	\$23,127	\$172,870	\$(149,743)	-87%
Other General and Administrative	841,675	871,551	(29,876 )	-3%
Marketing and Sales	91,258	109,592	(18,334 )	-17%
Amortization of Film & TV Costs	42,642	–	42,642	N/A
Depreciation & Amortization	36,673	29,673	7,000	24%
Total Costs of Sales and Operating Costs	\$1,035,375	\$1,183,686	\$(148,311)	-13%

Cost of Sales decreased \$149,743 during three months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the same period of 2014. The decrease was a result of the decrease in product sales discussed above as well as the elimination of the overhead associated with handling sales directly, replaced by a new model whereby these costs will be borne by our licensees.

General and Administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries, employee benefits, as well as other expenses associated with finance, legal, facilities, marketing, rent, and other professional services. General and administrative costs for the three months ended September 30, 2015 decreased \$29,876 compared to the same period in 2014. The aggregate decrease for the category results primarily from increases in professional fees of \$42,649 related to additional legal fees associated with the 2015 annual shareholder meeting as well as an arbitration that was settled in the fourth quarter. Offsetting these increases is a decrease in salaries and related expenses by \$13,412 and a decrease in other general and administrative expenses by \$58,386 due to decreases in consulting and investor relations fees.

Marketing and sales expenses decreased \$18,334 for the three months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2014 primarily due to the amortization of certain prepaid marketing expenses which did not exist in the current period.

***Other Income / (Expense).***

	<b>9/30/2015</b>	<b>9/30/2014</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Other Income	\$ 11,421	\$ 22,156	\$(10,735)	-48%
Interest Expense	(723 )	–	(723 )	N/A
Interest Expense - Related Parties	(6,224 )	(6,241 )	17	0%
Gain (Loss) on Distribution Contracts	(47,650 )	–	(47,650)	N/A
Gain (Loss) on Foreign Currency Translation	(20 )	–	(20 )	N/A
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$(43,196 )	\$ 15,915	\$(59,111)	-371%

Other income (expense) represents non-operating income and expense such as interest expense and the gain or loss on certain transactions as well as unrealized foreign currency translation adjustments related to certain contracts denominated in foreign currency. For the three months ended September 30, 2015, other income (expense) totaled \$(43,196) compared to \$15,915 in the prior period of 2014. This \$59,111 decrease was primarily the result of the company recognizing loss on a distribution contract originating pre-merger in the amount of \$47,650 during the three months ended September 30, 2015.

***Comparison of Results of Operations for the Nine months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014***

Below is a discussion of our operating results for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to our operating results during the comparable period in 2014. Net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, was \$2,421,938 compared to net loss of \$2,843,763 for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The decrease in net loss resulted from a slight decrease in revenue, offset by decreases in costs of sales, increases in operating costs, and increases in other income, as described below.

**Revenues.**

	<b>9/30/2015</b>	<b>9/30/2014</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Licensing & Royalties	\$ 372,022	\$ 155,341	\$ 216,681	139%
Television & Home Entertainment	323,804	112,910	210,894	187%
Product Sales	15,173	444,028	(428,855)	-97%
Total Revenue	\$ 710,999	\$ 712,279	\$ (1,280 )	0%

Licensing and royalty revenue includes items for which we license the rights to our copyrights and trademarks of our brands and those of the brands for which we act as a licensing agent. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to September 30, 2014, this category increased \$216,681 due to increased licensing activity given the strategic restructuring of the Company in 2014.

Television & Home Entertainment revenue is generated from distribution of our properties for broadcast on television, VOD, or SVOD in domestic and foreign markets and the sale of DVDs for home entertainment. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, Television & Home Entertainment revenue increased \$210,894 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2014, representing expanded distribution of our content given the strategic restructuring of the Company in 2014 in addition to the commencement of deliveries of *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab*.

Product sales represent physical products including DVDs and CDs in which the Company holds intellectual property rights such as trademarks and copyrights to the characters and which are manufactured and sold by the Company either directly at wholesale to retail stores or online retailers. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, product sales decreased by \$428,855 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2014 due to the change in business strategy whereby the Company has transitioned from the direct production and sale of physical products to a licensing model in which these functions were outsourced to industry experts and category leaders. The Company plans to re-launch its *Baby Genius* brand in fourth quarter 2015 utilizing a newly designed and expanded product line, resulting in a period-over-period loss in *Baby Genius* sales.

**Cost of Sales and Operating Costs.**

	<b>9/30/2015</b>	<b>9/30/2014</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Cost of Sales	\$ 45,699	\$ 414,017	\$ (368,318)	-89%

Edgar Filing: Genius Brands International, Inc. - Form S-1

Other General and Administrative	2,650,943	2,591,892	59,051	2%
Marketing and Sales	342,318	234,286	108,032	46%
Amortization of Film & TV Costs	42,642	–	42,642	N/A
Depreciation & Amortization	96,823	83,301	13,522	16%
Total Costs of Sales and Operating Costs	\$3,178,425	\$3,323,496	\$(145,071)	-4%

Cost of Sales decreased \$368,318 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the same period of 2014. The decrease was a result of the decrease in product sales discussed above as well as the elimination of the overhead associated with handling sales directly, replaced by a new model whereby these costs will be borne by our licensees.

General and Administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries, employee benefits, as well as other expenses associated with finance, legal, facilities, marketing, rent, and other professional services. General and administrative costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 increased \$59,051 compared to the same period in 2014. The aggregate increase for the category results primarily from increases in salaries and related expense of \$411,512 related to the addition of several critical hires in sales functions and digital initiatives offset by decreases in professional fees of \$273,295 and bad debt expense of \$56,550.

Marketing and sales expenses increased \$108,032 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2014 primarily due to an increase in trade show expenses which did not exist in the prior period as well as increases in other advertising expenses related to the increased size of the portfolio of brands the Company promotes.

**Other Income / (Expense).**

	<b>9/30/2015</b>	<b>9/30/2014</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Other Income	\$ 16,965	\$ 29,945	\$(12,980 )	-43%
Interest Expense	(2,212 )	(2,230 )	18	1%
Interest Expense - Related Parties	(18,544 )	(19,611 )	1,067	5%
Gain (Loss) on Distribution Contracts	102,350	(47,229 )	149,579	-317%
Gain (Loss) on Impairment of Assets	(7,500 )	–	(7,500 )	N/A
Gain (Loss) on Extinguishment of Debt	–	52,447	(52,447 )	-100%
Gain (Loss) on Disposition of Assets	–	(70,905 )	70,905	-100%
Gain (Loss) on Inventory	–	(174,963)	174,963	-100%
Gain (Loss) on Deferred Financing Costs	(9,313 )	–	(9,313 )	N/A
Gain (Loss) on Foreign Currency Translation	(36,258 )	–	(36,258 )	N/A
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$ 45,488	\$(232,546)	\$ 278,034	-120%

Other income (expense) represents non-operating income and expense such as interest expense and the gain or loss on certain transactions as well as unrealized foreign currency translation adjustments related to certain contracts denominated in foreign currency. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, other income totaled \$45,488 compared to other expense of \$(232,546) in the same period of 2014. This \$278,034 increase was primarily the result of the termination of a distribution contract in which certain amounts that had been included in deferred revenue were recognized as a gain on the settlement of the contract as well as an additional amounts due to the Company to terminate the contract. Additionally, there were no further inventory write-offs in the current period.

**Comparison of Results of Operations for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

Below is a discussion of our 2014 operating results compared to our 2013 operating results. 2014 represented a transitional year as the Company restructured and changed the way it will manage its operations in the future to a licensing model whereby the Company minimizes its risk and outsources the manufacturing and distribution of its products to industry leaders in their respective industries. In addition, the Company plans to re-launch its *Baby Genius* brand in September 2015 using a newly designed and expanded product line, resulting in a year over year loss in *Baby Genius* sales. In addition to the re-launch of *Baby Genius* this year, the Company will also be introducing several new brands in addition to the licensing business it now manages on behalf of three existing retail brands.

Our summary results for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 are below.

**Revenues.** Revenues by product segment and for the Company as a whole were as follows:

	<b>12/31/2014</b>	<b>12/31/2013</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Product Sales	\$ 497,273	\$1,682,780	\$(1,185,507)	-70%
Television & Home Entertainment	117,670	505,552	(387,882 )	-77%
Licensing & Royalties	310,845	368,206	(57,361 )	-16%
Total Revenue	\$ 925,788	\$2,556,538	\$(1,630,750)	-64%

Product sales represent physical products in which the Company holds intellectual property rights such as trademarks and copyrights, whether registered or unregistered, to the characters and which are manufactured and sold by the Company either directly at wholesale to retail stores or online retailers. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, product sales decreased by \$1,185,507 due to the change in business strategy whereby the Company has transitioned from the direct production and sale of physical products including DVDs and CDs to a licensing model in which these functions were outsourced to industry experts and category leaders. The Company plans to re-launch its *Baby Genius* brand in September 2015 utilizing a newly designed and expanded product line, resulting in a year over year loss in *Baby Genius* sales.

Television & Home Entertainment revenue is generated from distribution of our properties for broadcast on television and other platforms in domestic and foreign markets and the sale of DVDs for home entertainment. Television & Home Entertainment revenue totaled \$117,670 during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 compared to \$505,552 in the prior period. Higher revenue in the 2013 period related to the distribution of certain properties for which revenue recognition criteria had been met. While the Company has expanded its portfolio of properties in 2014 and is actively licensing these properties in advance of their release into the marketplace, revenue related to these properties, especially *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab*, will be recognized in future periods once revenue recognition criteria have been met.

Licensing and royalty revenue includes items for which we license the rights to our copyrights and trademarks of our brands and those of the brands in which we act as a licensing agent. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 compared to December 31, 2013, this category decreased \$57,361. This decrease is due to the liquidation of previously held DVD titles that are not consistent with the Company's new "content and products with a purpose" focus.

**Costs.** Costs and expenses, excluding depreciation and amortization, consisting primarily of cost of sales, marketing and sales expenses, and general and administrative costs, decreased \$465,230 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 compared to December 31, 2013.

	<b>12/31/2014</b>	<b>12/31/2013</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Cost of Sales	\$500,000	\$1,504,138	\$(1,004,138)	-67%
General and Administrative	3,452,200	2,806,153	646,047	23%
Marketing and Sales	338,598	308,355	30,243	10%
Product Development	1,700	139,082	(137,382)	-99%
Total Costs and Operating Expenses	\$4,292,498	\$4,757,728	\$(465,230)	-10%

Cost of Sales decreased \$1,004,138 during twelve months ended December 31, 2014 compared to the same period of 2013. The decrease was a result of the decrease in product sales discussed above as well as the elimination the overhead of associated with handling sales directly, replaced by a new model whereby these costs will be borne by our licensee.

General and Administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries, employee benefits, as well as other expenses associated with finance, legal, facilities, marketing, rent, and other professional services. General and administrative costs for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 increased \$646,047 from the comparable period in 2013. The aggregate increase for the category includes increases in professional fees of \$501,926 of which \$231,101 was related to the amortization of certain prepaid consulting agreements; increases in salaries and related expense of \$102,599 related to the addition of several critical hires in sales functions; increases in other general and administration expenses of \$392,077; and increases of bad debt expense of \$73,458 all of which were offset by decreases of \$539,185 in stock based compensation expense.

Marketing and sales expenses increased \$30,243 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 primarily due to increases in sales commission expenses in the third quarter related to certain sales promotions, the amortization of certain prepaid marketing expenses, and other advertising expenses related to the increased size of the portfolio of brands the Company promotes.

Product development expenses are for routine and periodic alterations to existing products, primarily those in the Baby Genius line. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2013, these expenses decreased by \$137,382. As the Company works to re-launch the *Baby Genius* product line, costs related to the re-launch have been capitalized.



**Interest Expense.** During the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, interest expense resulted from certain related party short-term debt and other operating interest expense. During the prior period, interest expense related to certain related-party notes payable and other operating interest expense as well as interest expense related to certain debentures.

	<b>12/31/2014</b>	<b>12/31/2013</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Interest Expense on Debentures & Reissued Debenture	\$ –	\$ 144,808	\$(144,808 )	-100%
Interest Expense on Bridge Notes	–	7,999	(7,999 )	-100%
Amortization of debt and debenture issuance costs	5,687	257,236	(251,549 )	-98%
Accretion of debt discount	–	1,245,126	(1,245,126)	-100%
Other operating interest expense	6,063	8,463	(2,400 )	-28%
Interest Expense	\$ 11,750	\$ 1,663,632	\$(1,651,882)	-99%

	<b>12/31/2014</b>	<b>12/31/2013</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Interest Expense - Related Party	\$ 25,842	\$ 24,469	\$ 1,373	6%
Interest Expense on Bridge Notes - Related Party	–	5,720	(5,720 )	-100%
Interest Expense	\$ 25,842	\$ 30,189	\$(4,347 )	-14%

From 2007 through 2009, the Company borrowed funds from members of its previous management team, the proceeds of which were used to pay operating obligations of the Company. In association with the closing of our acquisition of the business and operations A Squared Entertainment LLC pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, dated November 15, 2013, among the Company, A Squared Entertainment LLC, A Squared Holdings LLC, and A2E Acquisition LLC (the “Merger”) (see “Business”), all remaining balances in association with these notes were converted into common stock. Interest expense was recorded in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 in the amounts of \$0 and \$13,080, respectively.

During 2011, four of the Company’s former officers agreed to convert accrued but unpaid salaries through December 31, 2010 to subordinated long term notes payable. In association with the Merger, all remaining balances in association with these notes were converted into common stock. Interest expense was recorded in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 in the amounts of \$0 and \$11,390, respectively.

On June 27, 2012, the Company entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement whereby the Company issued and sold (i) the \$1,000,000 16% Debenture, and (ii) the Debenture Warrant to purchase up to 50,000 shares of the Company’s

common stock. On August 29, 2013, pursuant to an agreement between the Company and certain holders, the original Debenture was assigned and exchanged for an aggregate of \$1,163,333 of a Reissued Debenture. The interest rate and maturity date of the Reissued Debenture were not changed. In association with the Merger, the Company converted all remaining balances into shares of common stock. Interest expense for the Debenture and Reissued Debenture was recorded in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 in the amounts of \$0 and \$144,808, respectively.

On August 30, 2013, the Company issued 12% convertible notes to several parties with a maturity date of October 21, 2013 for an aggregate of \$530,000. On November 15, 2013, the Company issued an aggregate of 448,613 shares of common stock to holders of these notes in aggregate principal amount of \$530,000 and accrued, but unpaid, interest in connection with the automatic conversion of these notes upon consummation of the Merger. Interest expense was recorded in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 in the amounts of \$0 and \$5,720, respectively.

As part of the Merger, the Company acquired certain liabilities from A Squared. From time to time, A Squared required short-term advances to fund its operations and provide working capital from its founder, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and President, Andrew Heyward and Amy Moynihan Heyward, respectively. As of December 31, 2014, these advances totaled \$411,008. These advances are interest free and have no stated maturity. The Company has applied an imputed interest rate of 6%. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, the Company recognized imputed interest expense of \$25,842 as a contribution to additional paid-in capital with no comparable amount recognized in the prior period.

**Liquidity***Comparison of Cash Flows for the Nine months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014*

Cash totaled \$2,147,931 and \$5,167,606 at September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The change in cash is as follows:

	<b>9/30/2015</b>	<b>9/30/2014</b>	<b>Change</b>
Cash Used in Operating Activities	\$(2,611,607)	\$(1,624,920)	\$(986,687 )
Cash Used in Investing Activities	(292,074 )	(89,481 )	(202,593 )
Cash Provided by Financing Activities	750,513	6,354,897	(5,604,384)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$(2,153,168)	\$4,640,496	\$(6,793,664)

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, our primary source of cash was financing activity, specifically the collection of the second payment related to a long-term, exclusive supply chain services agreement. During the comparable period in 2014, our primary source of cash was financing activity including the collection of the first payment related to a long-term, exclusive supply chain services contract and the receipt of funds related to the issuance of preferred stock. During both periods, these funds were primarily used to fund operations as well as investments in fixed assets, intangible assets, and capitalized product development.

***Operating Activities***

Cash used in operating activities in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$2,611,607 as compared to cash used of \$1,624,920 during the prior period, representing an increase in cash used in operating activities of \$986,687 based on the operating results discussed above as well as increases in film and television costs related to the development and production of episodes of *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab* and the development of *Space Pop* (working title).

***Investing Activities***

Cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$292,074 as compared to a use of \$89,481 for the comparable period in 2014, representing an increase in cash used in investing activities of \$202,593.

This increase is primarily the result of approximately \$121,000 spent on leasehold improvements in our new leased office space.

### ***Financing Activities***

Cash generated from financing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$750,513 as compared to \$6,354,897 generated in the comparable period in 2014 representing a decrease of \$5,604,384. During the first quarter of 2014, the Company entered into a long-term, exclusive supply chain services agreement in which it will order a minimum level of disc replication, packaging and distribution services for its content across all physical media. As consideration for these minimum order levels, the Company received a total of \$1,500,000, \$750,000 during the first quarter of 2014 and \$750,000 during the first quarter of 2015. Additionally, during the first quarter of 2014, the Company received net proceeds of \$355,116 from the sale of its common stock offset by repayment of related party notes of \$100,872. During the second quarter of 2014, the Company received net proceeds from the sale of its preferred stock of \$5,379,915.

### ***Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2014 Compared to December 31, 2013***

Cash totaled \$4,301,099 and \$527,110 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The change in cash is as follows:

	<b>12/31/2014</b>	<b>12/31/2013</b>	<b>Change</b>
Cash used in operating activities	\$(2,481,988)	\$(1,120,317)	\$(1,361,671)
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(97,986 )	212,913	(310,899 )
Cash provided by financing activities	6,353,963	986,966	5,366,997
Increase in cash	\$3,773,989	\$79,562	\$3,694,427

During the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, our primary sources of cash were financing activities. During 2014, our financing activities related primarily to the sale of shares of common stock and Series A Convertible Preferred Stock as well as the execution of a long-term, exclusive supply chain services agreement. During the comparable period in 2013, our primary sources of cash were from investing and financing activities. Our investing activities related to cash provided by and assumed in the Merger. Our financing activities related to the receipt of funds related to the issuance of common stock and short term notes. During both periods, these funds were primarily used to fund operations as well as investments in intangible assets and capitalized product development.

### ***Operating Activities***

Cash used by operations in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 was \$2,481,988 as compared to a use of \$1,120,317 during the same period of 2013, representing an increase in cash used in operations of \$1,361,671 based on the operating results discussed above as well as increases in film and television costs related to the commencement of development of the second installment of the feature film *Stan Lee's Mighty 7* and the development and production of episodes of the *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab* off-set by the receipt of \$500,000 for music advances with third parties.

### ***Investing Activities***

Cash used by investing activities for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 was \$97,986 as compared funds provided by investing activities of \$212,913 for the comparable period in 2013. This variance is primarily the result of \$283,199 in funds provided by the Merger with A Squared Entertainment.

### ***Financing Activities***

Cash generated from financing activities during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 was \$6,353,963 as compared to \$986,966 generated in comparable period in 2013. The increase in cash provided by financing activities relates to the following activities during 2014:

- The sale of common stock during the first quarter of 2014 for which the Company received net proceeds of \$355,116;
- The execution of a long-term, exclusive supply chain services agreement for which it received \$750,000 during the first quarter of 2014, with the remaining \$750,000 paid in February 2015;
- Sale of 6,000 shares of the Company's newly designated Series A Convertible Preferred Stock at a price of \$1,000 per share for which the Company received net proceeds of \$5,379,915; and
- Expenditures of \$105,651 for the repayment of related party notes offset these increases, \$10,417 for the repayment of the services advance, and \$15,000 in loan origination fees for the Company's secured line of credit, which was terminated on March 2, 2015.

### **Capital Resources**

As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company did not have any material commitments for capital expenditures.

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

The Company's accounting policies are described in the notes to the financial statements. Below is a summary of the critical accounting policies, among others, that management believes involve significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of its financial statements.

### *Principles of Consolidation*

The Company's consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Genius Brands International, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary A Squared Entertainment, LLC. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

### *Goodwill and Intangible Assets*

Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price over the estimated fair value of net assets acquired in business combinations accounted for by the purchase method. In accordance with ASC Topic 350 Intangibles Goodwill and Other, goodwill and certain intangible assets are presumed to have indefinite useful lives and are thus not amortized, but subject to an impairment test annually or more frequently if indicators of impairment arise. The Company completes the annual goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment tests during the fourth quarter. To test for goodwill impairment, we are required to estimate the fair market value of each of our reporting units. While we may use a variety of methods to estimate fair value for impairment testing, our primary methods are discounted cash flows. We estimate future cash flows and allocations of certain assets using estimates for future growth rates and our judgment regarding the applicable discount rates. Changes to our judgments and estimates could result in a significantly different estimate of the fair market value of the reporting units, which could result in an impairment of goodwill.

Other intangible assets have been acquired, either individually or with a group of other assets, and were initially recognized and measured based on fair value. Additionally, the Company develops new videos, music, books and digital applications in addition to adding content, improved animation and bonus songs/features to its existing product catalog. In accordance with ASC 350 Intangible Assets and ASC 730 Research and Development, the costs of new product development and significant improvement to existing products are capitalized while routine and periodic alterations to existing products are expensed as incurred. Annual amortization of these intangible assets is computed based on the straight-line method over the remaining economic life of the asset.



### *Films and Televisions Costs*

The Company capitalizes production costs for episodic series produced in accordance with ASC 926-20 Entertainment-Films - Other Assets - Film Costs. Accordingly, production costs are capitalized at actual cost and then charged against revenue based on the initial market revenue evidenced by a firm commitment over the period of commitment. The Company expenses all capitalized costs that exceed the initial market firm commitment revenue in the period of delivery of the episodes.

The Company capitalizes production costs for films produced in accordance with ASC 926-20 Entertainment-Films - Other Assets - Film Costs. Accordingly, production costs are capitalized at actual cost and then charged against revenue quarterly as a cost of production based on the relative fair value of the film(s) delivered and recognized as revenue. The Company evaluates their capitalized production costs annually and limits recorded amounts by their ability to recover such costs through expected future sales.

### *Revenue Recognition*

The Company recognized revenue related to product sales when (i) the seller's price is substantially fixed, (ii) shipment has occurred causing the buyer to be obligated to pay for product, (iii) the buyer has economic substance apart from the seller, and (iv) there is no significant obligation for future performance to directly bring about the resale of the product by the buyer as required by ASC 605 Revenue Recognition.

Revenues associated with the sale of products, are recorded when shipped to customers pursuant to approved customer purchase orders resulting in the transfer of title and risk of loss. Cost of sales, rebates and discounts are recorded at the time of revenue recognition or at each financial reporting date.

The Company recognizes revenue in accordance with ASC Topic 926-605 Entertainment-Films - Revenue Recognition. Accordingly, the Company recognizes revenue when (i) persuasive evidence of a sale with customer exists, (ii) the film is complete and has been delivered or is available for delivery, (iii) the license period of the arrangement has begun and the customer can begin its exploitation, exhibition, or sale, (iv) the arrangement fee is fixed or determinable, and (v) collection of the arrangement fee is reasonably assured.

For its distribution, TV, and home entertainment income the Company generally enters in to flat fee arrangements to deliver multiple films or episodes. The Company allocates revenue to each film or episode based on their relative fair



market values and recognizes revenue as each film or episode is complete and available for delivery.

The Company's licensing and royalty revenue represents both (a) variable payments based on net sales from brand licensees for content distribution rights. These license agreements are held in conjunction with third parties that are responsible for collecting fees due and remitting to the Company its share after expenses. Revenue from licensed products is recognized when realized or realizable based on royalty reporting received from licensees and (b) licensing income the Company recognizes revenue as an agent in accordance with ASC 605-45 Revenue Recognition - Principal Agent. Accordingly, the Company's revenue is its gross billings to its customers less the amounts it pays to suppliers for their products and services.

#### *Other Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As of September 30, 2015, we do not have any off balance sheet arrangements.

**MARKET PRICE OF AND DIVIDENDS ON REGISTRANT’S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

**Market for Securities**

Our common stock is quoted on the OTCQB under the symbol “GNUS”.

The following table sets forth the range of high and low bid prices of our common stock as reported and summarized on the OTCQB for the periods indicated. These prices are based on inter-dealer bid and asked prices, without markup, markdown, commissions, or adjustments and may not represent actual transactions.

<b>Quarter Ending</b>	<b>Quarter High</b>	<b>Quarter Low</b>
3/31/2013	\$11.00	\$5.60
6/30/2013	\$13.00	\$4.50
9/30/2013	\$8.00	\$1.00
12/31/2013	\$7.50	\$2.30
3/31/2014	\$4.90	\$2.90
6/30/2014	\$4.05	\$2.67
9/30/2014	\$2.95	\$1.71
12/31/2014	\$2.08	\$1.33
3/31/2015	\$3.00	\$1.50
6/30/2015	\$3.35	\$1.53
9/30/2015	\$2.22	\$1.25
12/31/2015 (as of December 7, 2015)	\$1.52	\$0.80

As of November 16, 2015, there were approximately 221 holders of record of our common stock.

**Dividends**

The Company has never declared or paid any cash dividends on its common stock. The Company currently intends to retain future earnings, if any, to finance the expansion of its business. As a result, the Company does not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table reflects, as of December 31, 2014, compensation plans pursuant to which we are authorized to issue options, warrants or other rights to purchase shares of our common stock, including the number of shares issuable under outstanding options, warrants and rights issued under the plans and the number of shares remaining available for issuance under the plans:

Plan category	(a)	(b)	(c)
	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders(1)	350	\$15.09	499,650
Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders	–	–	–
Total	350	\$15.09	499,650

On September 2, 2011, the majority shareholders of the Company adopted an amendment to the Company's 2008 (1) Stock Option Plan to increase the number of shares of common stock issuable under the plan from 160,000 to 500,000.

## CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

## DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table sets forth information about our directors and executive officers:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>
Andrew Heyward	66	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board/Director
Amy Moynihan Heyward	48	President and Director
Gregory Payne	61	Corporate Secretary
Michael D. Handelman	56	Chief Financial Officer
Bernard Cahill	49	Director
Joseph “Gray” Davis*	71	Director
P. Clark Hallren*	54	Director
Lynne Segall*	62	Director
Anthony Thomopoulos*	76	Director
Margaret Loesch*	69	Director

\* Denotes directors who meet our criteria for “independence”.

Our directors hold office until the earlier of their death, resignation or removal or until their successors have been qualified.

## Background Information

*Andrew Heyward* has been our Chief Executive Officer since November 2013 and our Chairman of the Board since December 2013. Mr. Heyward co-founded DIC Animation City in 1983 and served as its Chief Executive Officer until its sale in 1993 to Capital Cities/ ABC, Inc. which was eventually bought by The Walt Disney Company in 1995. Mr. Heyward ran the company while it was owned by The Walt Disney Company until 2000 when Mr. Heyward

purchased DIC Entertainment L.P. and DIC Productions L.P, corporate successors to the DIC Animation City business, with the assistance of Bain Capital and served as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of their acquiring company DIC Entertainment Corporation, until he took the company public on the AIM. He sold the company in 2008. Mr. Heyward co-founded A Squared Entertainment LLC in 2009 and has served as its Co-President since inception. Mr. Heyward earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from UCLA and is a member of the Producers Guild of America, the National Academy of Television Arts and the Paley Center (formerly the Museum of Television and Radio). Mr. Heyward gave the Commencement address in 2011 for the UCLA College of Humanities, and was awarded the 2002 UCLA Alumni Association's Professional Achievement Award. He has received multiple Emmys and other awards for Children's Entertainment. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Cedars Sinai Medical Center. Mr. Heyward has produced over 5,000 half hour episodes of award winning entertainment, among them *Inspector Gadget*; *The Real Ghostbusters*; *Strawberry Shortcake*; *Care Bears*; *Alvin and the Chipmunks*; *Hello Kitty's Furry Tale Theater*; *The Super Mario Brothers Super Show*; *The Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog* ; *Sabrina The Animated Series*; *Captain Planet and the Planetears*; *Liberty's Kids* ; and many others. Mr. Heyward was chosen as a director because of his extensive experience in children's entertainment and as co-founder of A Squared Entertainment.

*Amy Moynihan Heyward* has been our President since November 2013 and a director of the Company since December 2013. Ms. Heyward is the founder and has been the President of A Squared since 2009. Prior to the formation of A Squared, Ms. Heyward served as the Vice President of Marketing at the Los Angeles Times from 2006 to 2008 and from 2003 to 2006. Ms. Heyward served as the director of global marketing for McDonald's Corporation. From 2002 to 2003, Ms. Moynihan handled promotions and sponsorships for Hasbro, Inc. and from 1994 to 2000, Ms. Heyward worked in various marketing posts for Disney. Ms. Heyward received degrees in Marketing Communications and Journalism from Northeastern University and sits on the Boards of Directors of LA's Best and After School All-Stars. Ms. Heyward was chosen as a director because of her commercial and trade experience in creating and managing international brands and as co-founder of A Squared Entertainment.

*Gregory Payne* has been our Corporate Secretary since November 2013 and the Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel to A Squared Entertainment LLC since October 2011 and A Squared Holdings LLC since March 2009. He has been an attorney in private practice and the Chairman of Foothill Entertainment, Inc. from 2000 to present. Mr. Payne served as Senior Vice President Legal and Business Affairs to DIC Animation City, DIC Entertainment L.P. and DIC Productions L.P. variously during the period from 1986 to 1998 and was an attorney in private practice from 1978 until 1986. Mr. Payne is a director and 50% shareholder of Foothill Entertainment Inc. Mr. Payne received his Juris Doctorate from Stanford Law School.

*Michael D. Handelman* has been our Chief Financial Officer since June 26, 2015. Mr. Handelman has over twenty years of experience as a Chief Financial Officer. From 2011 to 2015, Mr. Handelman was Chief Financial Officer of Lion Biotechnologies, Inc., a public biopharmaceutical company located in Los Angeles, California, focused on the development and commercialization of novel cancer immunotherapy products. At Lion Biotechnologies, Inc., he was responsible for management of operations relating to all financial and fiscal aspects of the company. He prepared quarterly filings for the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Forms 10-Q, 10-K and 8-K, and prepared and oversaw the preparation of the company's consolidated financial reports. Previously, Mr. Handelman served as Chief Financial Officer at Oxis International, Inc., a public company engaged in the research, development and commercialization of nutraceutical products, from August 2009-October 2011. From November 2004 to July 2009, Mr. Handelman served as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of TechnoConcepts, Inc., formerly a public company engaged in designing, developing, manufacturing and marketing wireless communications semiconductors, or microchips. Prior thereto, Mr. Handelman served from October 2002 to October 2004 as Chief Financial Officer of Interglobal Waste Management, Inc., a manufacturing company, and from July 1996 to July 1999 as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Janex International, Inc., a children's toy manufacturer. Mr. Handelman was also the Chief Financial Officer from 1993 to 1996 of the Los Angeles Kings, a National Hockey League franchise. Mr. Handelman is a certified public accountant and holds a degree in accounting from the City University of New York.

*Bernard Cahill* has been a director of the Company since December 2013. Mr. Cahill is the founding partner of ROAR, LLC, an entertainment consulting firm, which he founded in 2004 and is the founding partner of Cahill Law Offices, an entertainment law firm, which he founded in 1995. Mr. Cahill is the founder of Unicorn Games LLC, which was sold to Hasbro, Inc. in 2000. Mr. Cahill holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology from Illinois State University and a Juris Doctorate from the John Marshall Law School. Mr. Cahill is a member of the Tennessee State and Illinois State Bar. Mr. Cahill was chosen to be a director based on his expertise in the entertainment field.

*Joseph "Gray" Davis* has been a director of the Company since December 2013. Mr. Davis served as the 37th governor of California from 1998 until 2003. Mr. Davis currently serves as "Of Counsel" in the Los Angeles, California office of Loeb & Loeb LLP. Mr. Davis has served on the Board of Directors of DIC Entertainment and is a member of the bi-partisan Think Long Committee, a Senior Fellow at the UCLA School of Public Affairs and Co-Chair of the Southern California Leadership Counsel. Mr. Davis received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University and received his Juris Doctorate from Columbia Law School. Mr. Davis served as lieutenant governor of California from 1995-1998, California State Controller from 1987-1995 and California State Assemblyman from 1982-1986. Mr. Davis was chosen as a director of the Company based on his knowledge of corporate governance.

*P. Clark Hallren* has been a director of the Company since May 2014. Since August 2013, Mr. Hallren has been a realtor with HK Lane/Christie's International Real Estate and since August 2012, Mr. Hallren has served as an outside consultant to individuals and entities investing or operating in the entertainment industry. From August 2012 to August 2014, Mr. Hallren was a realtor with Keller Williams Realty and from August 2009 to August 2012, Mr. Hallren founded and served as managing partner of Clear Scope Partners, an entertainment advisory company. From 1986 to August 2009, Mr. Hallren was employed by JP Morgan Securities Inc. in various capacities, including as Managing Director of the Entertainment Industries Group. In his roles with JP Morgan Securities, Mr. Hallren was

responsible for marketing certain products to his clients, including but not limited to, syndicated senior debt, public and private subordinated debt, public and private equity, securitized and credit enhanced debt, interest rate derivatives, foreign currency and treasury products. Mr. Hallren holds Finance, Accounting and Economics degrees from Oklahoma State University. He also currently holds Series 7, 24 and 63 securities licenses. Mr. Hallren was chosen as a director of the Company based on his knowledge and experience in the entertainment industry as well as in banking and finance.

*Lynne Segall* has been a director of the Company since December 2013. Ms. Segall has served as the Senior Vice President and Publisher of The Hollywood Reporter since June 2011. From 2010 to 2011, Ms. Segall was the Senior Vice President of Deadline Hollywood. From June 2006 to May 2010, Ms. Segall served as the Vice President of Entertainment, Fashion & Luxury advertising at the Los Angeles Times. In 2005, Ms. Segall received the Women of Achievement Award from The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and the Women in Excellence Award from the Century City Chamber of Commerce. In 2006, Ms. Segall was recognized by the National Association of Women with its Excellence in Media Award. Ms. Segall was chosen to be a director based on her expertise in the entertainment industry.

*Anthony Thomopoulos* was appointed as a director of the Company on February 27, 2014. Mr. Thomopoulos served as the Chairman of United Artist Pictures from 1986 to 1989 and formed Thomopoulos Pictures, an independent production company of both motion pictures and television programs in 1989 and has served as its Chief Executive Officer since 1989. From 1991 to 1995, Mr. Thomopoulos was the President of Amblin Television, a division of Amblin Entertainment. Mr. Thomopoulos served as the President of International Family Entertainment, Inc. from 1995 to 1997. From June 2001 to January 2004, Mr. Thomopoulos served as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Media Arts Group, a NYSE listed company. Mr. Thomopoulos served as a state commissioner of the California Service Corps. under Governor Schwarzenegger from 2005 to 2008. Mr. Thomopoulos is also a founding partner of Morning Light Productions. Since he founded it in 2008, Mr. Thomopoulos has operated Thomopoulos Productions and has served as a consultant to BKSems, USA, a digital signage company. Mr. Thomopoulos is an advisor and a member of the National Hellenic Society and holds a degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and sat on its Board of Directors from 1978 to 1988. Mr. Thomopoulos was chosen as a director of the Company based on his entertainment industry experience.

*Margaret Loesch* was appointed to the Board of Directors on March 18, 2015. Beginning in 2009 through 2014, Ms. Loesch, served as Chief Executive Officer and President of The Hub Network, a cable channel for children and families, including animated features. The Company has, in the past, provided The Hub Network with certain children's programming. From 2003 through 2009 Ms. Loesch served as Co-Chief Executive Officer of The Hatchery, a family entertainment and consumer product company. From 1998 through 2001 Ms. Loesch served as Chief Executive Officer of the Hallmark Channel, a family related cable channel. From 1990 through 1997 Ms. Loesch served as the Chief Executive Officer of Fox Kids Network, a children's programming block and from 1984 through 1990 served as the Chief Executive Officer of Marvel Productions, a television and film studio subsidiary of Marvel Entertainment Group. Ms. Loesch obtained her bachelors of science from the University of Southern Mississippi. Ms. Loesch was chosen to be a director based on her 40 years of experience at the helm of major children and family programming and consumer product channels.

### **Family Relationships**

There are no family relationships between any of our directors and our executive officers, except that Andrew Heyward and Amy Moynihan Heyward are married.

### **Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings**

To our knowledge, our directors and executive officers have not been involved in any of the following events during the past ten years:

1. any bankruptcy petition filed by or against such person or any business of which such person was a general partner or executive officer either at the time of the bankruptcy or within two years prior to that time;
2. any conviction in a criminal proceeding or being subject to a pending criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses);  
  
being subject to any order, judgment, or decree, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any court of competent jurisdiction, permanently or temporarily enjoining him from or otherwise limiting his involvement in
3. any type of business, securities or banking activities or to be associated with any person practicing in banking or securities activities;  
  
being found by a court of competent jurisdiction in a civil action, the SEC or the Commodity Futures Trading
4. Commission to have violated a Federal or state securities or commodities law, and the judgment has not been reversed, suspended, or vacated;



5. being subject of, or a party to, any Federal or state judicial or administrative order, judgment decree, or finding, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, relating to an alleged violation of any Federal or state securities or commodities law or regulation, any law or regulation respecting financial institutions or insurance companies, or any law or regulation prohibiting mail or wire fraud or fraud in connection with any business entity; or
6. being subject of or party to any sanction or order, not subsequently reversed, suspended, or vacated, of any self-regulatory organization, any registered entity or any equivalent exchange, association, entity or organization that has disciplinary authority over its members or persons associated with a member.

## **Corporate Governance**

### **General**

We believe that good corporate governance is important to ensure that the Company is managed for the long-term benefit of our stockholders. This section describes key corporate governance practices that we have adopted.

## Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight

The Board of Directors has responsibility for establishing broad corporate policies and reviewing our overall performance rather than day-to-day operations. The primary responsibility of our Board of Directors is to oversee the management of our company and, in doing so, serve the best interests of the Company and our stockholders. The Board of Directors selects, evaluates and provides for the succession of executive officers and, subject to stockholder election, directors. It reviews and approves corporate objectives and strategies, and evaluates significant policies and proposed major commitments of corporate resources. Our Board of Directors also participates in decisions that have a potential major economic impact on our company. Management keeps the directors informed of company activity through regular communication, including written reports and presentations at Board of Directors and committee meetings.

Although we have not adopted a formal policy on whether the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer positions should be separate or combined, we have traditionally determined that it is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders to partially combine these roles. Due to the small size of the Company, we believe it is currently most effective to have the Chairman and Chief Executive Officers positions combined.

The Company currently has eight directors, including Mr. Heyward, its Chairman, who also serves as the Company's Chief Executive Officer. The Chairman and the Board are actively involved in the oversight of the Company's day to day activities.

## Board Committees

On June 9, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Company unanimously decided to form an Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating Committee.

The following table sets forth the three standing committees of our board and the members of each committee:

<b>Director</b>	<b>Board</b>	<b>Audit Committee</b>	<b>Compensation Committee</b>	<b>Nominating Committee</b>
Andrew Heyward	Chair			
Amy Moynihan Heyward	X			
Bernard Cahill	X	X		
Joseph "Gray" Davis	X			

P. Clark Hallren	X	Chair	X	
Lynne Segall	X			Chair
Anthony Thomopoulos	X		Chair	
Margaret Loesch	X			

To assist it in carrying out its duties, the Board of Directors has delegated certain authority to an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating Committee as the functions of each are described below.

### **Audit Committee**

Messrs. Hallren and Cahill serve on our Audit Committee. Our Audit Committee’s main function is to oversee our accounting and financial reporting processes, internal systems of control, independent auditor relationships and the audits of our financial statements. The Audit Committee’s responsibilities include:

- selecting, hiring, and compensating our independent auditors;
- evaluating the qualifications, independence and performance of our independent auditors;
- overseeing and monitoring the integrity of our financial statements and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements as they relate to financial statements or accounting matters;
- approving the audit and non-audit services to be performed by our independent auditor;
- reviewing with the independent auditor the design, implementation, adequacy and effectiveness of our internal controls and our critical accounting policies; and
- preparing the report that the SEC requires in our annual proxy statement.

The Board of Directors has adopted an Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee members meet NASDAQ’s financial literacy requirements, and the board has further determined that Mr. Hallren (i) is an “audit committee financial expert” as such term is defined in Item 407(d) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC and (ii) also meets NASDAQ’s financial sophistication requirements.

## Compensation Committee

Messrs. Thomopoulos and Hallren serve on the Compensation Committee. Our Compensation Committee's main functions are assisting our board of directors in discharging its responsibilities relating to the compensation of outside directors, the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers, as well as administering any stock incentive plans we may adopt. The Compensation Committee's responsibilities include the following:

- reviewing and recommending to our board of directors the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers, and the outside directors;
- conducting a performance review of our Chief Executive Officer;
- reviewing our compensation policies; and
- if required, preparing the report of the Compensation Committee for inclusion in our annual proxy statement.

The Board of Directors has adopted a Compensation Committee Charter.

The Compensation Committee's policy is to offer our executive officers competitive compensation packages that will permit us to attract and retain highly qualified individuals and to motivate and reward these individuals in an appropriate fashion aligned with the long-term interests of our Company and our stockholders.

***Compensation Committee Risk Assessment.*** We have assessed our compensation programs and concluded that our compensation practices do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us.

## Nominating Committee

Ms. Segall serves on our Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee's responsibilities include:

- identify qualified individuals to serve as members of the Company's board of directors;

- review the qualifications and performance of incumbent directors;
- review and consider candidates who may be suggested by any director or executive officer or by any stockholder of the Company; and
- review considerations relating to board composition, including size of the board, term and age limits, and the criteria for membership on the board.

The Board of Directors has adopted a Nominating Committee Charter.

**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The following table sets forth the long-term compensation earned for services in all capacities for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 paid to our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, and each other officer earning in excess of \$100,000 per year.

**Summary Compensation Table**

<b>Name and Principal Position</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Salary (\$)</b>	<b>Bonus (\$)</b>	<b>Stock Awards (\$ (1))</b>	<b>Option Awards (\$ (1))</b>	<b>All Other Compensation (\$)</b>	<b>Total (\$)</b>
Andrew Heyward (2) Chief Executive Officer	2014	200,000	500	–	–	–	200,500
	2013	23,077	–	–	–	–	23,077
Amy Moynihan Heyward (3) President	2014	180,000	500	–	–	–	180,500
	2013	20,769	–	–	–	–	20,769
Gregory Payne (4) Corporate Secretary	2014	175,000	500	–	–	–	175,500
	2013	21,875	500	–	–	–	22,375
Rebecca D. Hershinger (5) Former Chief Financial Officer	2014	–	500	–	–	80,875	81,375
	2013	–	–	–	–	–	–
Klaus Moeller (6) Former Chief Executive Officer	2014	–	–	–	–	9,120	9,120
	2013	173,950	–	34,000	67,473	8,550	283,973
Richard Staves (7) Former Interim Chief Financial Officer	2014	–	–	–	–	35,935	35,935
	2013	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jeanene Morgan (8) Former Chief Financial Officer	2014	31,644	–	–	–	2,000	33,644
	2013	187,500	500	34,000	32,145	–	254,415

(1) The aggregate fair value of the stock awards and stock option awards on the date of grant was computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718.

In association with the Merger (see "Description of Business"), Mr. Heyward was appointed Chief Executive Officer (2) of the Company on November 15, 2013. Per his November 15, 2013 Employment Agreement, Mr. Heyward is entitled to an annual salary of \$200,000.

(3) In association with the Merger, Ms. Heyward was appointed President of the Company on November 15, 2013. Per her November 15, 2013 Employment Agreement, Ms. Heyward is entitled to an annual salary of \$180,000.

(4) In association with the Merger, Mr. Payne was appointed Corporate Secretary of the Company for which he is entitled to an annual salary of \$175,000.

Ms. Hershinger was appointed Chief Financial Officer of the Company on October 24, 2014 for which she earned (5) \$20,000 pursuant to her engagement letter. Prior to her appointment, she provided hourly contract services to the Company for which she earned \$60,875. Ms. Hershinger resigned as Chief Financial Officer on Jun 26, 2015.

(6) In association with the Merger, Mr. Moeller resigned from his position as Chief Executive Officer effective November 15, 2013. Klaus Moeller's compensation includes:

- Salaried compensation pursuant to his April 26, 2011 Employment Agreement; the April 26, 2011 Employment Agreement as amended on January 10, 2013; his October 29, 2013 Employment Agreement, and his Termination Agreement.
- 10,000 shares of the Company's common stock, granted in association with the Merger, for services to the Company.
- Stock options including:

Pursuant to his April 26, 2011 Employment Agreement, the Company granted up to 10,000 shares of common stock and vesting as to 2,500 shares on the date of the agreement, 2,500 shares on the first anniversary date, 2,500 shares on the second anniversary date and 2,500 on the third anniversary date. The option was granted at an exercise price of \$44.00.

On December 31, 2012, the Board of Directors authorized the grant of a stock option to purchase up to 1,000 shares, fully vesting on the grant date, at an exercise price of \$20.00.

On May 15, 2013, the Board of Directors authorized the grant of a stock option to purchase up to 7,500 shares of common stock, fully vesting on the grant date, at an exercise price of \$20.00 per share.

· Annual car allowance of \$11,400

Mr. Staves was the Interim Chief Financial Officer of the Company from March 7, 2014 through October 24, 2014. (7) He provided hourly contract services to the Company for which he earned \$35,531. Prior to his appointment, he provided hourly contracted service for which he earned \$405.

(8) Jeanene Morgan's compensation includes:

· Salaried compensation pursuant to her May 2, 2012 and her October 29, 2013 Employment Agreement.

10,000 shares of the Company's common stock, granted in association with the Merger, for services to the Company.

§ Stock options including:

Pursuant to her original offer of employment, the Company granted up to 4,500 shares of common stock and vesting § 1,500 shares on the date of the agreement, 1,000 shares on the first anniversary date, 1,000 shares on the second anniversary date and 1,000 on the third anniversary date. The option was granted at an exercise price of \$34.00.

§ On May 2, 2012, the Board of Directors authorized the grant of a stock option to purchase up to 2,000 shares, vesting on December 31, 2014, at an exercise price of \$44.00.

§ On December 31, 2012, the Board of Directors authorized the grant of a stock option to purchase up to 1,000 shares, fully vesting on the grant date, at an exercise price of \$20.00.

§ On May 15, 2013, the Board of Directors authorized the grant of a stock option to purchase up to 7,500 shares of common stock, fully vesting on the grant date, at an exercise price of \$20.00 per share.

§ Pursuant to the October 29, 2013 Employment Agreement, all options granted to Ms. Morgan were vested immediately.

Effective March 7, 2014, Ms. Morgan resigned from the Company. After her resignation, she earned an additional \$2,000 for transition services. Upon her resignation, she also received cash payments of \$32,090 for vacation time accrued during the period of her employment.



## **Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year**

There were no outstanding equity awards as of December 31, 2014.

## **Employment Agreements**

On November 15, 2013, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Andrew Heyward (the “Andrew Heyward Employment Agreement”), whereby Mr. Heyward agreed to serve as the Company’s Chief Executive Officer for a period of five years, subject to renewal, in consideration for an annual salary of \$200,000. Additionally, under the terms of the Andrew Heyward Employment Agreement, Mr. Heyward shall be eligible for an annual bonus if the Company meets certain criteria, as established by the Board of Directors. Mr. Heyward shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in connection with his employment and the Company may take out and maintain during the term of his tenure, a life insurance policy in the amount of \$1,000,000. During the term of his employment and under the terms of the Andrew Heyward Employment Agreement, Mr. Heyward shall be entitled to be designated as composer on all music contained in the programming produced by the Company and to receive composer’s royalties from applicable performing rights societies.

On November 15, 2013, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Amy Moynihan Heyward (the “Amy Heyward Employment Agreement”), whereby Ms. Heyward agreed to serve as the Company’s President for a period of five years, subject to renewal, in consideration for an annual salary of \$180,000. Additionally, under the terms of the Amy Heyward Employment Agreement, Ms. Heyward shall be eligible for an annual bonus if the Company meets certain criteria, as established by the Board of Directors. Ms. Heyward shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in connection with her employment and the Company may take out and maintain during the term of her tenure, a life insurance policy in the amount of \$1,000,000. During the term of her employment and under the terms of the Amy Heyward Employment Agreement, Ms. Heyward shall be entitled to be designated as composer on all music contained in the programming produced by the Company and to receive composer’s royalties from applicable performing rights societies.

**Director Compensation**

The following table sets forth with respect to the named directors, compensation information inclusive of equity awards and payments made for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 in the director's capacity as director. In 2015, we adopted our 2015 Incentive Plan which provides for option grants to directors and provide certain directorship fees.

Name		Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)(1)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Andrew Heyward	2014	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
	2013	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
Amy Moynihan Heyward	2014	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
	2013	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
Bernard Cahill	2014	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
	2013	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
Joseph "Gray" Davis	2014	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
	2013	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
P. Clark Hallren (2)	2014	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000
	2013	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
Lynn Segall	2014	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
	2013	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
Anthony Thomopoulos (3)	2014	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
	2013	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
Jeffrey Weiss (4)	2014	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
	2013	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
Klaus Moeller (5)	2014	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
	2013	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
William McDonough (6)	2014	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
	2013	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-

(1) For the board meetings held in the second and third quarter of 2014, Board Members earned \$5,000 per meeting attended either physically or telephonically. Beginning with the Board Meeting in the fourth quarter 2014, the structure was revised such that Directors earn \$5,000 per meeting attended physically, \$2,500 per meeting attended telephonically, and nothing for non-attendance.

(2) On May 15, 2014, Mr. Hallren was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Company. Mr. Hallren earned \$10,000 in compensation for his services as a member of the Board of Directors and received \$35,000 for consulting services provided to the Company.

(3) On February 27, 2014, Mr. Thomopoulos was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Company.

(4) On March 16, 2015, Mr. Weiss resigned from the Board of Directors of the Company.

(5) On May 15, 2014, Mr. Moeller resigned from the Board of Directors of the Company.

(6) On February 27, 2014, Mr. McDonough resigned from the Board of Directors of the Company.

**SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table shows the beneficial ownership of shares of our common stock as of November 16, 2015 known by us through transfer agent and other records held by: (i) each person who beneficially owns 5% or more of the shares of common stock then outstanding; (ii) each of our directors; (iii) each of our named executive officers; and (iv) all of our directors and executive officers as a group.

The information in this table reflects “beneficial ownership” as defined in Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act. To our knowledge and unless otherwise indicated, each stockholder has sole voting power and investment power over the shares listed as beneficially owned by such stockholder, subject to community property laws where applicable. Percentage ownership is based on 10,859,450 shares of common stock outstanding as November 16, 2015. Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes to the following table, each person named in the table has sole voting and investment power and that person’s address is c/o 301 North Canon Drive, Suite 305, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

<b>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</b>	<b>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership (1)</b>	<b>Percent of Class(1)</b>
Andrew Heyward	4,098,219 (2)	35.8%
Amy Moynihan Heyward	4,098,219 (2)	35.8%
Gregory Payne	60,257 (3)	*
Michael D. Handelman	—	*
Bernard Cahill	68,934 (4)	*
Joseph “Gray” Davis	15,000	*
P. Clark Hallren	15,000	*
Lynne Segall	15,000	*
Anthony Thomopoulos	15,345	*
Margaret Loesch	15,000	*
Wolverine Flagship Fund Trading Limited (5)	1,183,090 (6)	9.99%
Iroquois Master Fund Ltd. (7)	1,171,452 (8)	9.99%
All Officers and Directors (Consisting of 10 persons)	4,233,821	36.9%

\* Indicates ownership less than 1%

(1) Applicable percentage ownership is based on 10,859,450 shares of common stock outstanding as of November 16, 2015, together with securities exercisable or convertible into shares of common stock within 60 days of November 16, 2015. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Shares of common stock

that a person has the right to acquire beneficial ownership of upon the exercise or conversion of options, convertible stock, warrants or other securities that are currently exercisable or convertible or that will become exercisable or convertible within 60 days of November 16, 2015 are deemed to be beneficially owned by the person holding such securities for the purpose of computing the number of shares beneficially owned and percentage of ownership of such person, but are not treated as outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

- Consists of (i) 2,972,183 shares of common stock held by A Squared Holdings LLC over which Andrew Heyward and Amy Moynihan Heyward hold voting and dispositive power, (ii) 100,000 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of 100 shares of the Company's Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, (iii) 522,836 shares of common stock held by Andrew Heyward. (iv) 3,200 shares held by Hayward Living Trust, and (v) 500,000 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants held by Andrew Heyward. Andrew Heyward and Amy Moynihan Heyward are spouses who own such shares jointly, and thus both maintain joint voting and dispositive power over such shares.
- (2) Includes 250 shares held by Mr. Payne's spouse.
- (3) Consists of (i) 56,434 shares of common stock owned directly by Bernard Cahill and (ii) 12,500 shares of common stock owned by Mr. Cahill's spouse.
- (4) The address of this beneficial owner is 175 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 340, Chicago, Illinois 60604  
Consists of (i) 199,800 shares of common stock and (ii) 983,290 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. The stockholder owns 2,250 shares of the Company's Series A Convertible Preferred Stock which are convertible into 2,250,000 shares of common stock. The Series A Convertible Preferred
- (5) Stock may not be converted to the extent that the holder or any of its affiliates would own more than 9.99% of the outstanding common stock of the Company after such conversion, and the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock may not be voted to the extent that the holder or any of its affiliates would control more than 9.99% of the voting power of the Issuer. The number of shares deemed beneficially is limited accordingly.
- (6) The address of this beneficial owner is 641 Lexington Avenue, 26th Floor, New York, New York 10022  
Includes 304,652 shares of common stock and 200,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants.
- (7) The stockholder also owns shares of Series A Preferred Stock which may not be converted to common stock to the extent such conversion would result in the shareholder beneficially owning more than 9.99% of the outstanding common stock. The number of shares deemed beneficially owned is limited accordingly.
- (8)

## **CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE**

### **Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

Our Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Heyward, is the spouse of our President, Amy Moynihan Heyward.

Bernard Cahill, a director of the Company appointed on December 9, 2013, is the founder of ROAR LLC (“ROAR”) which owns 65% of Girlilla Marketing LLC (“Girlilla”). In connection with the Merger, the Company entered into a marketing consultation agreement with Girlilla pursuant to which Girlilla agreed to provide certain strategic digital marketing services through November 2014 in consideration for 10,000 shares of common stock. Additionally, the Company entered into an engagement letter with ROAR pursuant to which ROAR agreed to provide the Company services, including the development of a business development strategy, through May 2015. In consideration for its services, the Company agreed to issue to ROAR 67,492 shares of common stock.

On November 15, 2013, as part of the Merger, the Company acquired these liabilities from A Squared Entertainment, LLC. From time to time, A Squared Entertainment, LLC required short-term advances to fund its operations and provide working capital from its founder, the Company’s current Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Heyward. As of September 30, 2015, these advances totaled \$411,521. No interest is due on these advances.

The investors under our October 2015 Private Placement included Andrew Heyward, who purchased 500,000 shares of common stock and 500,000 warrants for a purchase price of \$500,000.

### **Director Independence**

Each of Messrs. Davis, Hallren, and Thomopoulos as well as Ms. Segall and Ms. Loesch are independent as that term is defined under the Nasdaq Marketplace Rules.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

We are a reporting company and file annual, quarterly and special reports, and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Copies of the reports and other information may be read and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. You can request copies of such documents by writing to the SEC and paying a fee for the copying cost. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains a web site at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-1 that we filed with the SEC. Certain information in the registration statement has been omitted from this prospectus in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. We have also filed exhibits and schedules with the registration statement that are excluded from this prospectus. For further information you may:

- read a copy of the registration statement, including the exhibits and schedules, without charge at the SEC's Public Reference Room; or
- obtain a copy from the SEC upon payment of the fees prescribed by the SEC.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF COMMISSION POSITION ON INDEMNIFICATION FOR SECURITIES ACT LIABILITIES**

Section 78.7502(1) of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (except in an action brought by or on behalf of the corporation) if that person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by that person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, if that person acted in good faith and in a manner which that person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceedings, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, alone, does not create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and that, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, the person had reasonable cause to believe his action was unlawful.

Section 78.7502(2) of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit brought by or on behalf of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor because the person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses, including amounts paid in settlement and attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by that person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit, if the person acted in accordance with the standard set forth above, except that no indemnification may be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction after exhaustion of all appeals therefrom to be liable to the corporation or for amounts paid in settlement to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought or other court of competent jurisdiction determines that, in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court deems proper.

Section 78.7502(3) of the Nevada Revised Statutes further provides that, to the extent a director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections 1 and 2 thereof, or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, that person shall be indemnified by the corporation against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by that person in connection therewith.

Section 78.751 of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides that unless indemnification is ordered by a court, the determination to provide indemnification must be made by the stockholders, by a majority vote of a quorum of the board of directors who were not parties to the action, suit or proceeding, or in specified circumstances by independent legal counsel in a written opinion. In addition, the articles of incorporation, bylaws or an agreement made by the corporation may provide for the payment of the expenses of a director or officer of the expenses of defending an action as incurred upon receipt of an undertaking to repay the amount if it is ultimately determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that the person is not entitled to indemnification. Section 78.751 of the Nevada Revised Statutes further provides that the indemnification provided for therein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the indemnified party may be entitled and that the scope of indemnification shall continue as to directors, officers, employees or agents who have ceased to hold such positions, and to their heirs, executors and administrators.

Section 78.752 of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides that a corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation against any liability asserted against him or incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such whether or not the corporation would have the authority to indemnify him against such liabilities and expenses.

Our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, none of our directors will be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. Any repeal or modification of this provision will be prospective only and will not adversely affect any limitation, right or protection of a director of our company existing at the time of such repeal or modification.



Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling us pursuant to the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, we will, unless in the opinion of our counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by us is against public policy as expressed hereby in the Securities Act and we will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the securities being offered by this prospectus has been passed upon for us by Sichenzia Ross Friedman Ference LLP, New York, New York.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Genius Brands International, Inc. as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 have been audited by HJ Associates & Consultants, LLP, independent registered public accounting firm as set forth in their report, and are included in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

Genius Brands International, Inc.

## Consolidated Balance Sheets

As of September 30, 2015 (unaudited) and December 31, 2014 (audited)

<u>ASSETS</u>	9/30/2015	12/31/2014
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,147,931	\$4,301,099
Accounts Receivable, net	263,916	208,486
Inventory, net	14,046	11,691
Prepaid and Other Assets	191,565	217,622
Total Current Assets	2,617,458	4,738,898
Property and Equipment, net	166,773	32,420
Film and Television Costs	903,634	303,953
Capitalized Product Development in Process	-	7,500
Intangible Assets, net	1,937,337	1,876,438
Goodwill	10,365,805	10,365,805
Investment in Stan Lee Comics, LLC	-	-
Total Assets	\$15,991,007	\$17,325,014
 <u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$346,320	\$312,728
Accrued Expenses	409,512	283,582
Deferred Revenue and Advances	290,999	242,160
Accrued Salaries and Wages	85,620	50,288
Disputed Trade Payable	925,000	925,000
Short Term Debt - Related Party	411,521	411,008
Total Current Liabilities	2,468,972	2,224,766
Long Term Liabilities:		
Deferred Revenue and Advances	715,598	640,417
Services Advance	1,489,583	739,583
Total Liabilities	4,674,153	3,604,766
Stockholders' Equity		
Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value, 10,000,000 share authorized, respectively; 5,690 and 6,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	6	6
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, 700,000,000 shares authorized, respectively; 6,529,450 and 6,374,450 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	6,530	6,375
Additional Paid in Capital	34,884,910	34,866,521

Edgar Filing: Genius Brands International, Inc. - Form S-1

Accumulated Deficit	(23,574,592)	(21,152,654)
Total Equity	11,316,854	13,720,248
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 15,991,007	\$ 17,325,014

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

F-1

Genius Brands International, Inc.

## Consolidated Statements of Operations

Three Month and Nine Month Periods Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	9/30/2015	9/30/2014	9/30/2015	9/30/2014
Revenues:				
Licensing & Royalties	\$98,035	\$53,774	\$372,022	\$155,341
Television & Home Entertainment	182,715	25,635	323,804	112,910
Product Sales	–	239,392	15,173	444,028
Total Revenues	280,750	318,801	710,999	712,279
Cost of Sales	23,127	172,870	45,699	414,017
Gross Profit	257,622	145,931	665,300	298,262
Operating Expenses:				
Professional Services	244,803	202,154	549,702	822,997
Rent Expense	34,136	34,863	106,271	105,207
Marketing & Sales	91,258	109,592	342,318	234,286
Amortization of Film & TV Costs	42,642	–	42,642	–
Depreciation & Amortization	36,673	29,673	96,823	83,301
Salaries and Related Expenses	429,348	442,760	1,414,746	1,003,234
Bad Debt Expense (Recovery)	–	–	(1,550 )	55,000
Other General & Administrative	133,388	191,774	581,774	605,454
Total Operating Expenses	1,012,247	1,010,816	3,132,726	2,909,479
Loss from Operations	(754,624 )	(864,885 )	(2,467,426)	(2,611,217)
Other Income (Expense):				
Other Income	11,421	22,156	16,965	29,945
Interest Expense	(723 )	–	(2,212 )	(2,230 )
Interest Expense - Related Parties	(6,224 )	(6,241 )	(18,544 )	(19,611 )
Gain (Loss) on Distribution Contracts	(47,650 )	–	102,350	(47,229 )
Gain (Loss) on Impairment of Assets	–	–	(7,500 )	–
Gain (Loss) on Extinguishment of Debt	–	–	–	52,447
Gain (Loss) on Disposition of Assets	–	–	–	(70,905 )
Gain (Loss) on Inventory	–	–	–	(174,963 )
Gain (Loss) on Deferred Financing Costs	–	–	(9,313 )	–
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Foreign Currency Translation	(20 )	–	(36,258 )	–
Net Other Income (Expense)	(43,196 )	15,915	45,488	(232,546 )
Loss before Income Tax Expense	(797,820 )	(848,970 )	(2,421,938)	(2,843,763)

Edgar Filing: Genius Brands International, Inc. - Form S-1

Income Tax Expense	–	–	–	–
Net Loss	\$(797,820 )	\$(848,970 )	\$(2,421,938)	\$(2,843,763)
Net Loss per Common Share	\$(0.12 )	\$(0.13 )	\$(0.37 )	\$(0.46 )
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	6,529,450	6,383,450	6,464,505	6,129,391

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

F-2

Genius Brands International, Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Nine Month Period Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 (unaudited)

	9/30/2015	9/30/2014
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>		
Net Loss	\$(2,421,938)	\$(2,843,763)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided in operating activities:		
Depreciation Expense	46,501	37,774
Amortization Expense	50,322	45,527
Imputed Interest Expense	18,544	19,611
Bad Debt Expense	(1,550 )	55,000
Prepaid Consulting Services Expense	–	280,482
(Gain) Loss on Distribution Contracts	(102,350 )	47,229
(Gain) Loss on Deferred Financing Asset	9,313	–
(Gain) Loss on Impairment of Assets	7,500	70,905
(Gain) Loss on Foreign Currency Translation	36,258	–
(Gain) Loss on Settlement of Accounts Payable	–	(52,447 )
(Gain) Loss on Inventory	–	174,963
Decrease (increase) in operating assets:		
Accounts Receivable	18,612	495,522
Inventory	(2,355 )	28,226
Prepaid Expenses & Other Assets	16,744	138,295
Film and Television Costs, net	(599,681 )	(156,592 )
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	(14,059 )	(448,708 )
Accrued Salaries	35,332	59,800
Deferred Revenue and Advances	165,270	432,648
Other Accrued Expenses	125,930	(9,392 )
Net cash used in operating activities	(2,611,607)	(1,624,920)
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>		
Investment in Intangible Assets	(111,221 )	(70,000 )
Investment in Fixed Assets	(180,853 )	(3,151 )
Investment in Capitalized Product Development	–	(16,330 )
Net cash used in investing activities	(292,074 )	(89,481 )
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>		
Sale of Preferred Stock, net of offering costs	–	6,000,000
Sale of Common Stock, net of offering costs	–	360,000

Edgar Filing: Genius Brands International, Inc. - Form S-1

Proceeds from Services Advance	750,000	750,000
Repayment of Services Advance	–	(10,117 )
Proceeds of Related Party Notes	513	–
Payments of Related Party Notes	–	(105,017 )
Common Stock Offering Costs	–	(4,884 )
Preferred Stock Offering Costs	–	(620,085 )
Debt Issuance Cost	–	(15,000 )
Net cash provided by financing activities	750,513	6,354,897
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(2,153,168)	4,640,496
Beginning Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,301,099	527,110
Ending Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,147,931	\$5,167,606
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for income taxes	\$–	\$–
Cash paid for interest	\$1,076	\$2,230
Schedule of non-cash financing and investing activities:		
Common Stock issued as Settlement for Accounts Payable	\$–	\$32,572
Common Stock issued for Prepaid Services	\$–	\$113,998

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Genius Brands International, Inc.

## Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity

	Common Stock		Preferred Stock		Additional Paid in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount			
Balance, December 31, 2014 (audited)	6,374,450	\$ 6,375	6,000	\$ 6	\$ 34,866,521	\$(21,152,654)	\$ 13,720,248
Conversion of preferred shares	155,000	155	(310 )	–	(155 )	–	–
Imputed Interest for Member Advances	–	–	–	–	18,544	–	18,544
Net Loss	–	–	–	–	–	(2,421,938 )	(2,421,938 )
Balance, September 30, 2015 (unaudited)	6,529,450	\$ 6,530	5,690	\$ 6	\$ 34,884,910	\$(23,574,592)	\$ 11,316,854

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**September 30, 2015 (unaudited)**

**Note 1: Organization and Business**

*Organization and Nature of Business*

Genius Brands International, Inc. (“we”, “us”, “our”, “GBI” or the “Company”) is a global content and brand management company dedicated to providing entertaining and enriching “content and products with a purpose” for toddlers to tweens. Led by industry veterans Andrew Heyward (Chief Executive Officer) and Amy Moynihan Heyward (President), the Company produces original content and licenses the rights to that content to a variety of partners. Our licensees include (i) companies to which the audio-visual rights are licensed for exhibition in various formats, including but not limited to, Pay Television, Free or Broadcast Television, Video-on-Demand (“VOD”), subscription on demand (“SVOD”), DVDs/CDs and (ii) companies that develop and distribute products based on our content within different product categories, including but not limited to, toys, electronics, publishing, home goods, stationary, gifts.

The Company owns a portfolio of original children’s entertainment that is targeted at children from toddlers to teens including the award-winning *Baby Genius*, Warren Buffett's *Secret Millionaires Club*, *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab* and *Stan Lee's Mighty 7*, the first project from *Stan Lee Comics, LLC*, a joint venture with legendary Stan Lee's POW! Entertainment.

In addition to the Company’s wholly-owned brands, it also acts as licensing agent for certain brands, leveraging its existing licensing infrastructure to expand these brands into new product categories, new retailers, and new territories. These include the best-selling children’s book series, *Llama Llama*; *Psycho Bunny*, a luxury apparel line; *From Frank*, a humor greeting card and product line; and *Celessence Technologies*, the world's leading microencapsulation company.

Consistent with the Company’s strategy of securing widespread distribution for its content in a variety of formats and building awareness and engagement for its brands that in turn drives its consumer products business, the Company has expanded its successful relationship with Comcast beyond the already popular *Baby Genius* on-demand offering. The Company has announced it will launch a new Kid Genius Channel in the fourth quarter of 2015, offering 24-hours of video on-demand content that will be consistent with the Company’s “content and products with a purpose” mission. The

new video on-demand channel will include the Company's own content, in addition to other content the Company will curate, to offer a robust line-up for kids. The Company's Senior Vice President - International Sales, Andrew Berman, will oversee the channel.

The Company commenced operations in January 2006, assuming all of the rights and obligations of its then Chief Executive Officer, under an Asset Purchase Agreement between the Company and Genius Products, Inc., in which the Company obtained all rights, copyrights, and trademarks to the brands "Baby Genius," "Little Genius," "Kid Genius," "123 Favorite Music" and "Wee Worship," and all then existing productions under those titles. In October 2011, the Company (i) changed its domicile to Nevada from California, and (ii) changed its name to Genius Brands International, Inc. from Pacific Entertainment Corporation (the "Reincorporation"). In connection with the Reincorporation, the Company changed its trading symbol from "PENT" to "GNUS".

On November 15, 2013, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the "Merger Agreement") with A Squared Entertainment LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("A Squared"), A Squared Holdings LLC, a California limited liability company and sole member of A Squared (the "Parent Member") and A2E Acquisition LLC, its newly formed, wholly-owned Delaware subsidiary ("Acquisition Sub"). Upon closing of the transactions contemplated under the Merger Agreement (the "Merger"), which occurred concurrently with entering into the Merger Agreement, the Acquisition Sub merged with and into A Squared, and A Squared, as the surviving entity, became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. As a result of the Merger, the Company acquired the business and operations of A Squared.

On April 2, 2014, the Company filed a certificate of amendment to its Articles of Incorporation to affect a reverse split of its issued and outstanding common stock on a one-for-one-hundred basis. The reverse stock split was effective with FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) on April 7, 2014 (the "Reverse Split"). All per share amounts referenced herein are reflective of the Reverse Split.

### *Strategic Initiatives*

During 2014, the Company began a series of strategic initiatives to restructure certain areas of business in an effort to operate more profitably in the long run. This included product sales, content distribution, production, and product development:

During the second quarter of 2014, the Company began phasing out the direct production and sale of physical products including DVDs and CDs and shifted to a licensing model whereby these functions were outsourced to industry experts and category leaders in their respective industries. On July 14, 2014, the Company employed Stone Newman in the newly created position of President - Global Consumer Products to manage all consumer products, licensing and merchandising sales for the Company's brands.

F-5

- 2) Prior to the third quarter of 2014, the Company utilized an agency to license its content to international television broadcasters, home video, and digital distribution outlets. To exert greater control over the distribution of its expanding portfolio of content, during the second quarter of 2014, the Company formed a new global distribution division and appointed Andrew Berman to the newly created position of Senior Vice President - International Sales to oversee the division and the appointment of regional agents to represent the Company locally in key regions.

- 3) During the third and fourth quarter of 2014, the Company partnered with various pre-production, production, and animation companies to provide services to the Company for the production of *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab* in exchange for a certain percentage of the series' forthcoming adjusted net revenues and the ability to distribute the series in certain languages in certain territories. This model helps to better manage the Company's cash flows while enabling it to exploit territories that would otherwise be challenging to manage and monetize. The Company intends to replicate the model for future productions.

- 4) The infrastructure the Company has put in place enables it to efficiently exploit a growing portfolio of brands. The Company is actively developing a number of new brands to add to its growing portfolio and consistently looks for existing brands to acquire or act as licensing agent, as with the best-selling line of books, *Llama Llama* which the Company recently signed. The Company remains focused on brands that lend themselves to interactive exploitation in multiple areas and are consistent with the Company's primary point of differentiation: providing multi-media "content and products with a purpose" that entertain and enrich kids.

### *Liquidity*

Historically, the Company has incurred net losses. As of September 30, 2015, the Company had an accumulated deficit of \$23,574,592 and a total stockholders' equity of \$11,316,854. At September 30, 2015, the Company had current assets of \$2,617,458 including cash of \$2,147,931 and current liabilities of \$2,468,972, including short-term debt to related parties which bears no interest and has no stated maturity of \$411,521 and certain trade payables of \$925,000 to which the Company disputes the claim, resulting in working capital of \$148,486. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company reported a net loss of \$2,421,938 and \$2,843,763, respectively, and reported net cash used by operating activities during nine months ended September 30, 2015 of \$2,611,607.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company received \$750,000 in proceeds from the second payment of its long term supply chain services agreement. While the Company believes that these funds plus its working capital will be sufficient to fund operations for the next twelve months, there can be no assurance that cash flows from operations will continue to improve in the near future. If the Company is unable to attain profitable operations and positive operating cash flows in a reasonable period of time, it may need to (i) seek additional funding, (ii) scale back its development plans, or (iii) reduce certain operations.

**Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Cash Equivalents*

The Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments with initial maturities of six months or less to be cash equivalents.

*Reverse Stock Split*

On April 2, 2014, we effected the Reverse Split which was deemed effective with FINRA on April 7, 2014. All common stock share and per share information in this Form 10-Q, including the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, have been adjusted to reflect retrospective application of the Reverse Split, unless otherwise indicated.

*Business Combination*

On November 15, 2013, the Company entered into the Merger Agreement with A Squared, the Member, and the Acquisition Sub. Upon closing of the Merger, which occurred concurrently with entering into the Merger Agreement, our Acquisition Sub merged with and into A Squared, and A Squared, as the surviving entity, became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. As a result of the Merger, the Company acquired the business and operations of A Squared.

The audited financial statements have been prepared using the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 805 Business Combinations.

See Note 3 - Business Combination for additional information.

#### *Principles of Consolidation*

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Genius Brands International, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary A Squared. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods.

#### *Financial Statement Reclassification*

Certain account balances from prior periods have been reclassified in these unaudited consolidated financial statements so as to conform to current period classifications.

#### *Allowance for Sales Returns*

An Allowance for Sales Returns is estimated based on average sales during the previous year. Based on experience, sales growth, and our customer base, the Company concluded that the allowance for sales returns at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 should be \$44,108 and \$45,582, respectively.

#### *Inventories*

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (average) or market and consist of finished goods such as DVDs, CDs and other products. A reserve for slow-moving and obsolete inventory is established for all inventory deemed potentially non-saleable by management in the period in which it is determined to be potentially non-saleable. The current inventory is considered properly valued and saleable. The Company concluded that there was an appropriate reserve for slow moving and obsolete inventory of \$53,338 and \$54,673 established as of September, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

#### *Property and Equipment*

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation on property and equipment is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from two to seven years. Maintenance, repairs, and renewals, which neither materially add to the value of the assets nor appreciably prolong their lives, are charged to expense as incurred. Gains and losses from any dispositions of property and equipment are reflected in the statement of operations.

#### *Goodwill and Intangible Assets*

Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price over the estimated fair value of net assets acquired in business combinations accounted for by the purchase method. In accordance with ASC 350 Intangibles Goodwill and Other, goodwill and certain intangible assets are presumed to have indefinite useful lives and are thus not amortized, but subject to an impairment test annually or more frequently if indicators of impairment arise. The Company completes the annual goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment tests at the end of each fiscal year. To test for goodwill impairment, we are required to estimate the fair market value of each of our reporting units, of which we have one. While we may use a variety of methods to estimate fair value for impairment testing, our primary methods are discounted cash flows. We estimate future cash flows and allocations of certain assets using estimates for future growth rates and our judgment regarding the applicable discount rates. Changes to our judgments and estimates could result in a significantly different estimate of the fair market value of the reporting units, which could result in an impairment of goodwill of indefinite lived intangible assets in future periods.

Other intangible assets have been acquired, either individually or with a group of other assets, and were initially recognized and measured based on fair value. Additionally, the Company develops new videos, music, books and digital applications in addition to adding content, improved animation and bonus songs/features to its existing product catalog. In accordance with ASC 350 Intangible Assets and ASC 730 Research and Development, the costs of new product development and significant improvement to existing products are capitalized while routine and periodic alterations to existing products are expensed as incurred. Annual amortization of these intangible assets is computed based on the straight-line method over the remaining economic life of the asset.

### *Films and Televisions Costs*

The Company capitalizes production costs for episodic series produced in accordance with ASC 926-20 Entertainment-Films - Other Assets - Film Costs. Accordingly, production costs are capitalized at actual cost and then charged against revenue based on the initial market revenue evidenced by a firm commitment over the period of commitment. The Company expenses all capitalized costs that exceed the initial market firm commitment revenue in the period of delivery of the episodes.

The Company capitalizes production costs for films produced in accordance with ASC 926-20 Entertainment-Films - Other Assets - Film Costs. Accordingly, production costs are capitalized at actual cost and then charged against revenue quarterly as a cost of production based on the relative fair value of the film(s) delivered and recognized as revenue. The Company evaluates their capitalized production costs annually and limits recorded amounts by their ability to recover such costs through expected future sales.

### *Revenue Recognition*

The Company recognized revenue related to product sales when (i) the seller's price is substantially fixed, (ii) shipment has occurred causing the buyer to be obligated to pay for product, (iii) the buyer has economic substance apart from the seller, and (iv) there is no significant obligation for future performance to directly bring about the resale of the product by the buyer as required by ASC 605 Revenue Recognition.

Revenues associated with the sale of products are recorded when shipped to customers pursuant to approved customer purchase orders resulting in the transfer of title and risk of loss. Cost of sales, rebates and discounts are recorded at the time of revenue recognition or at each financial reporting date.

The Company recognizes revenue in accordance with ASC 926-605 Entertainment-Films - Revenue Recognition. Accordingly, the Company recognizes revenue when (i) persuasive evidence of a sale with customer exists, (ii) the film is complete and has been delivered or is available for delivery, (iii) the license period of the arrangement has begun and the customer can begin its exploitation, exhibition, or sale, (iv) the arrangement fee is fixed or determinable, and (v) collection of the arrangement fee is reasonably assured.

For its distribution, TV, and home entertainment income the Company generally enters in to flat fee arrangements to deliver multiple films or episodes. The Company allocates revenue to each film or episode based on their relative fair



market values and recognizes revenue as each film or episode is complete and available for delivery.

The Company's licensing and royalty revenue represents both (a) variable payments based on net sales from brand licensees for content distribution rights. These license agreements are held in conjunction with third parties that are responsible for collecting fees due and remitting to the Company its share after expenses. Revenue from licensed products is recognized when realized or realizable based on royalty reporting received from licensees and (b) licensing income the Company recognizes revenue as an agent in accordance with ASC 605-45 Revenue Recognition - Principal Agent. Accordingly, the Company's revenue is its gross billings to its customers less the amounts it pays to suppliers for their products and services.

### *Earnings Per Share*

Basic earnings (loss) per common share ("EPS") is calculated by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS is calculated by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding, plus the assumed exercise of all dilutive securities using the treasury stock or "as converted" method, as appropriate. During periods of net loss, all common stock equivalents are excluded from the diluted EPS calculation because they are antidilutive.

### *Income Taxes*

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized based on differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using presently enacted tax rates. At each balance sheet date, the Company evaluates the available evidence about future taxable income and other possible sources of realization of deferred tax assets, and records a valuation allowance that reduces the deferred tax assets to an amount that represents management's best estimate of the amount of such deferred tax assets that more likely than not will be realized.

### *Recent Accounting Pronouncements*

In July 2013, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2013-11, "Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists" ("ASU No. 2013-11"). ASU No. 2013-11 requires an entity to present an unrecognized tax benefit, or a portion of an unrecognized tax benefit, in the financial statements as a reduction to a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward, with limited exceptions. ASU No. 2013-11 is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2013 and may be applied retrospectively. We are currently evaluating the potential impact of adopting this guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-08, "Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity" ("ASU 2014-08"), which raises the threshold for a disposal to qualify as a discontinued operation and requires new disclosures of both discontinued operations and certain other disposals that do not meet the new definition of a discontinued operation. It also allows an entity to present a discontinued operation even when it has continuing cash flows and significant continuing involvement with the disposed component. The amendments in ASU 2014-08 are effective prospectively for disposals (or classifications as held for sale) of components of an entity that occur within annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014, and interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted but only for disposals (or classifications as held for sale) that have not been reported in financial statements previously issued or available for issuance. We are currently evaluating the potential impact of adopting this guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)" ("ASU 2014-09"). The core principle of ASU 2014-09 is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. To achieve that core principle, an entity should apply the following steps: identify the contract(s) with a customer; identify the performance obligations in the contract; determine the transaction price; allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation. ASU 2014-09 supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Accounting Standards Codification Topic No. 605, "Revenue Recognition," most industry-specific guidance throughout the industry topics of the accounting standards codification, and some cost guidance related to construction-type and production-type contracts. ASU 2014-09 is effective for public entities for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Early adoption is not permitted. Companies may use either a full retrospective or a modified retrospective approach to adopt ASU 2014-09. We are currently evaluating the potential impact of adopting this guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-12, "Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide That a Performance Target Could Be Achieved after the Requisite Service Period" ("ASU 2014-12"). The amendments in ASU 2014-12 require that a performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite service period be treated as a performance condition. A reporting entity should apply existing guidance in Accounting Standards Codification Topic No. 718, "Compensation - Stock Compensation" ("ASC 718"), as it relates to awards with performance conditions that affect vesting to account for such awards. The amendments in ASU 2014-12 are effective for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. Entities may apply the amendments in ASU 2014-12 either: (a) prospectively to all awards granted or modified after the effective date; or (b) retrospectively to all awards with performance targets that are outstanding as of the beginning of the earliest annual period presented in the financial statements and to all new or modified awards thereafter. We are currently evaluating the potential impact of adopting this guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

Various other accounting pronouncements have been recently issued, most of which represented technical corrections to the accounting literature or were applicable to specific industries, and are not expected to have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

### **Note 3: Business Combination**

#### *Overview*

On November 15, 2013, the Company entered into the Merger Agreement with A Squared and Acquisition Sub. Upon closing of the Merger, which occurred concurrently with entering into the Merger Agreement, our Acquisition Sub merged with and into A Squared, and A Squared, as the surviving entity, became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. As a result of the Merger, the Company acquired the business and operations of A Squared.

Immediately following the Merger, the Company's pre-Merger shareholders and option holders owned approximately 50% of the Company's common stock on a fully-diluted basis, and former A Squared members directly and indirectly owned approximately 50% of the Company's common stock on a fully diluted basis.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Merger:

At the closing of the Merger, the membership interests of A Squared issued and outstanding immediately prior to the closing of the Merger were cancelled, and the Parent Member received 2,972,183 shares of our common stock.

Upon the closing of the Merger, Klaus Moeller resigned as the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Larry Balaban resigned as the Company's Corporate Secretary, and Howard Balaban resigned as the Company's Vice President of Business Development. Simultaneously with the effectiveness of the Merger, Andrew Heyward was appointed as the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Amy Moynihan Heyward was appointed as the Company's President and Gregory Payne was appointed as the Company's Corporate Secretary. Mr. Moeller remained a director of the Company until his subsequent resignation on May 15, 2014.

Effective upon the Company's meeting its information obligations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), Michael Meader, Larry Balaban, Howard Balaban and Saul Hyatt resigned as directors of the Company, and Andrew Heyward, Amy Moynihan Heyward, Lynne Segall, Jeffrey Weiss, Joseph "Gray" Davis, William McDonough and Bernard Cahill were appointed as directors of the Company. On December 9, 2013, these changes to the Board of Directors were made effective.

*Accounting Treatment*

Although the transaction was structured as a merger of equals, the merger was treated as a business combination for accounting purposes. The audited financial statements have been prepared using the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with ASC 805, Business Combinations. Genius Brands is the deemed accounting acquirer, and A Squared is the deemed accounting acquiree based on the following factors: the transfer of the Company's equity as consideration for the merger, the relative size of the pre-merger assets and revenue bases with the Company holding a significantly larger asset and revenue base as compared to A Squared, and the fact that the Company paid a premium over the pre-combination fair value of A Squared.

*Purchase Price Allocation*

The following table summarizes the final purchase accounting for the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of the Merger:

	Allocated Fair Value
Cash	\$283,199
Accounts Receivable	89,398
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	145,574
Property and equipment, net	75,385
Identifiable artistic-related intangible assets (a)	1,740,000
Total assets acquired	2,333,556
Accounts Payable	(404,757 )
Accrued Expenses	(450,000 )
Short Term Debt - Related Party	(516,966 )
Disputed Trade Payable	(925,000 )
Total liabilities assumed	(2,296,723 )
Net assets acquired	36,833
Consideration (b)	10,402,638
Goodwill	\$10,365,805

(a) The value of the identifiable artistic-related intangible assets was determined by an independent Corporate Finance and Business Valuation firm.

As consideration for the net assets acquired in the Merger, the Company issued an aggregate of 2,972,183 shares of (b)its common stock the Parent Member, valued at \$3.50 per share. The acquisition-date fair value of the common stock was based on the common stock sold under the private placement on the date of the Merger.

**Note 4: Investment in Stan Lee Comics, LLC**

In November 2009, A Squared formed a joint venture, Stan Lee Comics, LLC, with POW Entertainment Inc. (“POW”), a California corporation, and Archie Comics Publications, Inc. (“Archie”), a New York corporation, to create, produce, and distribute comic books and other intellectual property based on exclusive properties created by Stan Lee and owned by POW. Each of A Squared, POW, and Archie own one-third of Stan Lee Comics, LLC.

Upon formation, the parties agreed that POW would contribute certain properties to Stan Lee Comics, LLC as consideration for its ownership interest. Similarly, A Squared would contribute certain creative development functions and be entitled to the exercise of all audio-visual development, production and distribution rights in all media, as well as all merchandising rights, in and to the contributed properties as consideration for its ownership interest. Finally, Archie would be entitled to all comic book publication and distribution rights in and to the contributed properties as consideration for its ownership interest. Each party would be entitled to one-third of any net proceeds derived from the contributed properties or their derivative works after recoupment of production cost and fees. Stan Lee Comics, LLC is the owner of the *Stan Lee and the Mighty 7* property.

Upon closing of the Merger, the Company assumed the rights to Stan Lee Comics, LLC held by A Squared.

Pursuant to ASC 323-30, as of September 30, 2015, the Company has recorded the Investment in Stan Lee Comics, LLC at \$0 as no monetary consideration was paid by A Squared, or assumed by the Company in the Merger, for the ownership interest in Stan Lee Comics, LLC.

**Note 5: Inventory**

During the second quarter of 2014, the Company began a strategic initiative to restructure its product sales business by phasing out the direct sale of physical products including DVDs and CDs and shifting to a licensing model. On July 14, 2014, the Company employed Stone Newman in the newly created position of President - Worldwide Consumer Products to manage all consumer products, licensing and merchandising sales and rights for the Company's brands and programming.

As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company had recorded a total reserve of \$53,338 and \$54,673, respectively. In addition to nominal changes to the reserve made during the normal course of business, during the second quarter of 2014, the Company determined that a portion of its inventory may not be saleable and recorded an additional reserve of \$174,963 which was recorded as a loss on inventory. Finally, during the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company donated certain inventory that had already been reserved for at which time the inventory was written off.

**Note 6: Property and Equipment, Net**

The Company has property and equipment as follows as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	9/30/2015	12/31/2014
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 12,385	\$ 12,385
Computer Equipment	34,678	36,649
Leasehold Improvements	176,903	99,778
Software	15,737	15,737
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(72,930 )	(132,129 )
Property and Equipment, Net	\$ 166,773	\$ 32,420

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company recorded depreciation expense of \$46,500 and \$37,774, respectively.

**Note 7: Film and Television Costs and Capitalized Product Development in Process**

As of September 30, 2015, the Company had Film and Television Costs of \$903,634 compared to \$303,953 at December 31, 2014. The increase relates to the development and production of episodes of *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab* as well as the development of *Space Pop* (working title).

As of September 30, 2015, the Company had Capitalized Product Development in Process of \$0 compared to \$7,500 as of December 31, 2014. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company fully impaired these assets.

**Note 8: Goodwill and Intangible Assets, Net***Goodwill*

In association with the Merger, the Company recognized \$10,365,805 in Goodwill, representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration for the Merger over net identifiable assets acquired (See Note 3 - Business Combination for additional information). Pursuant to ASC 350-20, Goodwill is not subject to amortization but is subject to annual review to determine if certain events warrant impairment to the Goodwill asset. Through September 30, 2015, the Company has not recognized any impairment related to Goodwill.

*Intangible Assets, Net*

The Company had following intangible assets as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	9/30/2015	12/31/2014
Identifiable artistic-related assets (a)	\$1,740,000	\$1,740,000
Trademarks (b)	129,831	129,831
Product Masters (b)	64,676	3,257,129
Other Intangible Assets (b)	181,220	70,000
Less Accumulated Amortization (c)	(178,390 )	(3,320,522)
Intangible Assets, Net	\$1,937,337	\$1,876,438

In association with the Merger, the Company acquired \$1,740,000 in identifiable artistic-related assets. These assets, related to certain properties owned by A Squared and assumed by the Company, were valued using an independent firm during the fourth quarter of 2013. Based on certain legal, regulatory, contractual, and economic factors, the Company has deemed these assets to be indefinite-lived. Hence, pursuant to ASC 350-30, these assets are not subject to amortization and are tested annually for impairment. Through September 30, 2015, the Company has not recognized any impairment expense related to these assets.

Pursuant to ASC 350-30-35, the Company reviews these intangible assets periodically to determine if the value should be retired or impaired due to recent events. During the six months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company did not recognize any impairment of these assets.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company recognized \$50,322 and \$45,527, respectively, in amortization expense related to these intangible assets.

Expected future intangible asset amortization as of September 30, 2015 is as follows:

Fiscal Year:	
2015	\$34,835
2016	38,596
2017	17,180
2018	8,655
2019	8,655
Total	\$107,921

#### **Note 9: Deferred Revenue and Advances**

As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company had deferred revenue and advances of \$1,006,597 and \$882,577, respectively, resulting from the collection of certain advances or minimum guarantees against future royalty payments or flat license fees from its customers. These amounts represent collections for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met.

#### **Note 10: Accrued Liabilities**

As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company has the following accrued liabilities:

	9/30/2015	12/31/2014
Accrued Salaries and Wages		



Accrued Salaries and Wages	\$85,620	\$50,288
Disputed Trade Payables		
Disputed Trade Payables (a)	925,000	925,000
Services Advance		
Services Advance (b)	1,489,583	739,583
Accrued Expenses		
Other Accrued Expenses	409,512	283,582
Total Accrued Liabilities	\$2,909,715	\$1,998,453

- (a) As part of the Merger, the Company assumed certain liabilities from a previous member of A Squared which has claimed certain liabilities totaling \$925,000. The Company disputes the basis for this liability. During the first quarter of 2014, the Company entered into an exclusive three year agreement with Sony DADC, the optical disc manufacturing and fulfillment arm of Sony, to provide all CD, DVD and BD replication, packaging and distribution to Genius Brands International's direct customers. Under the terms of the long-term, exclusive supply chain services agreement, the Company will order a minimum level of disc replication, packaging and distribution services for its content across all physical media, including DVD, CD, and Blu-ray from Sony DADC.
- (b) As consideration for these minimum order levels, the Company received a total of \$1,500,000, \$750,000 during the first quarter of 2014 and \$750,000 during the first quarter of 2015. At the end of the term, the Company is obligated to repay a pro-rata portion of the advance if it has not ordered a minimum number of DVD/CD units during the term.

**Note 11: Short Term Debt - Related Parties**

As part of the Merger, the Company acquired certain liabilities from A Squared. From time to time, A Squared required short-term advances to fund its operations and provide working capital from its founder, the Company's current Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Heyward. As of September 30, 2015, these advances totaled \$411,521, compared to \$411,008 as of December 31, 2014.

These advances are interest free and have no stated maturity. The Company has applied an imputed interest rate of 6% in accordance with ASC 835-30-45. During nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company recognized imputed interest expense of \$18,544 and \$19,611 as a contribution to additional paid-in capital, respectively.

**Note 12: Stockholders' Equity**

*Common Stock*

As part of the Reincorporation, the total number of authorized shares of common stock was changed to 250,000,000 shares, \$0.001 par value per share. The common stock and additional paid in capital accounts were restated as of December 31, 2012, and for the years then ended, to recognize the change from no par common stock to a par value of \$0.001 per share. The Company conducted a consent solicitation of its stockholders of record as of September 3, 2013 to approve certain corporate actions. Stockholders, representing at least a majority of outstanding shares of the Company's voting capital as of the record date voted by written consent to approve an amendment to the Company's Article of Incorporation in order to increase the number of common stock authorized to 700,000,000 from 250,000,000. As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the total number of authorized shares of common stock was 700,000,000.

As part of the aforementioned consent solicitation, stockholders, representing at least a majority of outstanding shares of the Company's voting capital as of the record date, also voted by written consent to approve a proposal to effect the Reverse Split of the Company's common stock in a ratio to be determined by the Board which would not be less than One for Ten (1:10) and not more than One for One-Hundred (1:100), which was to be effective no later than September 30, 2014, at such ratio and at such time in the sole discretion of the Board and in lieu of issuing any fractional shares resulting from the Reverse Split, to issue the next whole share.

On April 2, 2014, we filed an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to effect the Reverse Split on a one-for-one hundred basis. The Reverse Split was effective with FINRA on April 7, 2014. All common stock share and per share information in this Form 10-Q, including the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, have been adjusted to reflect retrospective application of the Reverse Split, unless otherwise indicated. The total number of authorized shares of common stock was not adjusted in conjunction with the Reverse Split.

As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, there were 6,529,450 and 6,374,450 shares of common stock issued and outstanding.

### *Preferred Stock*

The Company has 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock authorized with a par value of \$0.001 per share. The Board of Directors is authorized, subject to any limitations prescribed by law, without further vote or action by our stockholders, to issue from time to time shares of preferred stock in one or more series. Each series of preferred stock will have such number of shares, designations, preferences, voting powers, qualifications and special or relative rights or privileges as shall be determined by our board of directors, which may include, among others, dividend rights, voting rights, liquidation preferences, conversion rights and preemptive rights.

On May 12, 2014, the Board of Directors authorized the designation of a class of preferred stock as “Series A Convertible Preferred Stock”. On May 14, 2014, the Company filed the Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of the 0% Series A Convertible Preferred Stock with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada.

Each share of the newly designated Series A Preferred Stock is convertible into shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.001 per share based on a conversion calculation equal to the Base Amount divided by the conversion price. The Base Amount is defined as the sum of (i) the aggregate stated value of the Series A Preferred Stock to be converted and (ii) all unpaid dividends thereon. The stated value of each share of the Series A Preferred Stock is \$1,000 and the initial conversion price is \$2.00 per share, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, dividends and recapitalizations. Additionally, in the event the Company issues shares of its common stock or common stock equivalents at a per share price that is lower than the conversion price then in effect, the conversion price shall be adjusted to such lower price, subject to certain exceptions. The Company is prohibited from effecting a conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock to the extent that as a result of such conversion, the investor would beneficially own more than 9.99% in the aggregate of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company’s common stock, calculated immediately after giving effect to the issuance of shares of common stock upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock. Holders of our outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to vote on an “as converted” basis with the holders of common stock, equal to the number of shares of common stock into which such shares of Series A Preferred Stock are convertible, but not in excess of any applicable beneficial ownership limitations governing such shares.

On May 14, 2014, we entered into securities purchase agreements with certain accredited investors pursuant to which we sold an aggregate of 6,000 shares of our newly designated Series A Convertible Preferred Stock at a price of \$1,000 per share for gross proceeds to us of \$6,000,000. Related to the sale, we incurred offering costs of \$620,085 resulting in net proceeds of \$5,379,915. The closing of the transaction was subject to certain customary closing conditions and closed on May 15, 2014.

On various dates during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company received notices of conversion from certain preferred stock holders to convert 310 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock into 155,000 shares of the Company's common stock.

On various dates subsequent to September 30, 2015, the Company received notices of conversion from certain preferred stock holders to convert 310 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock into 155,000 shares of the Company's common stock.

As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, 5,690 and 6,000 shares of preferred stock, designated as Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, were issued and outstanding.

### **Note 13: Stock Options**

The Company has adopted the provisions of ASC 718 - Compensation which requires companies to measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for equity instruments based on the grant date fair value of those awards and to recognize the compensation expense over the requisite service period during which the awards are expected to vest.

On December 29, 2008, the Company adopted the Pacific Entertainment Corporation 2008 Stock Option Plan (the "2008 Plan"), which provides for the issuance of qualified and non-qualified stock options to officers, directors, employees and other qualified persons. The 2008 Plan is administered by the Board of Directors of the Company or a committee appointed by the Board of Directors. The number of shares of the Company's common stock initially reserved for issuance under the 2008 Plan was 110,000. On September 2, 2011, the shareholders holding a majority of the Company's outstanding common stock adopted an amendment to the 2008 Plan to increase the number of shares of common stock issuable under the plan to 500,000.

The following schedule summarizes the changes in the 2008 Plan during the nine months ended September 30, 2015:

	<b>Options Outstanding</b>	<b>Exercise Price</b>	<b>Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life</b>	<b>Aggregate Intrinsic Value</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>
	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>per Share</b>			<b>per Share</b>
Balance at December 31, 2014	350	\$6.00 - 33.60	2.29 years	\$ -	\$ 15.09
Options Granted	-				
Options Exercised	-				
Options Cancelled	(350 )				
Balance at September 30, 2015	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -
Exercisable December 31, 2014	350	\$6.00 - 33.60	2.29 years	\$ -	\$ 15.09
Exercisable September 30, 2015	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -

The Company did not recognize any stock based compensation expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 or 2014.

#### **Note 14: Warrants**

The Company has warrants outstanding to purchase up to 300,000 shares of our common stock at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

In connection with the sale of the Company's newly designated Series A Convertible Preferred Stock in May 2014, Chardan Capital Markets LLC ("Chardan") acted as sole placement agent in consideration for which Chardan received a cash fee of \$535,000 and a warrant to purchase up to 300,000 shares of the Company's common stock. These warrants vested immediately, have an exercise price of \$2.00 per share, and have a five year term.

The following schedule summarizes the changes in the Company's outstanding warrants during the nine months ended September 30, 2015:

	<b>Warrants Outstanding Number of Shares</b>	<b>Exercise Price per Share</b>	<b>Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life</b>	<b>Aggregate Intrinsic Value</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price per Share</b>
Balance at December 31, 2014	300,000	\$ 2.00	4.37 years	–	\$ 2.00
Warrants Granted	–				
Warrants Exercised	–				
Warrants Expired	–				
Balance at September 30, 2015	300,000	\$ 2.00	3.88 years	\$ 0	\$ 2.00
Exercisable December 31, 2014	300,000	\$ 2.00	4.37 years	–	\$ 2.00
Exercisable September 30, 2015	300,000	\$ 2.00	3.88 years	\$ 0	\$ 2.00

#### **Note 15: Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with ASC 740 Income Taxes, which requires the recognition of deferred tax liabilities and assets at currently enacted tax rates for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns. A valuation allowance is recognized to reduce the net deferred tax asset to an amount that is more likely than not to be realized.

ASC 740 provides guidance on the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a company's financial statements. ASC 740 requires a company to determine whether it is more likely than not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination based upon the technical merits of the position. If the more-likely-than-not threshold is met, a company must measure the tax position to determine the amount to recognize in the financial statements.

At the adoption date of January 1, 2008, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefit which would affect the effective tax rate if recognized.

The Company includes interest and penalties arising from the underpayment of income taxes in the statements of operation in the provision for income taxes. As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company had no accrued interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions.

The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and in the state of California. The Company is currently subject to U.S. federal, state and local, or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities since inception of the Company.

**Note 16: Employment Agreements**

On November 15, 2013, as a closing condition to the Merger, the Company entered into five-year employment agreements with Andrew Heyward to serve as Chief Executive Officer and Amy Moynihan Heyward to serve as President of the Company, for which each receives an annual base salary of \$200,000 and \$180,000, respectively.

Effective May 26, 2014, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Andrew Berman for the newly created position of Senior Vice President - International Sales. The agreement has a one year term with an additional one year term renewal subject to approval of the Company and Mr. Berman. The agreement provides for an annual salary of \$175,000.

Effective July 14, 2014, the Company employed Stone Newman in the newly created operating position of President - Worldwide Consumer Products and executed a three-year employment agreement which either party may terminate on the 12th and 24th month anniversary upon thirty (30) days' notice. Mr. Newman will have oversight over all consumer products, licensing and merchandising sales and rights for the Company's brands and programming as well as certain brands he previously managed prior to his employment by the Company. The agreement provides Mr. Newman with an annual salary of \$275,000 plus an additional participation for certain customers.

**Note 17: Lease Commitments**

As of December 31, 2014, the Company leased approximately 2,807 square feet of office space at 9401 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California pursuant to a standard office lease dated February 3, 2012. The lease had a term of 3 years, from May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2015. The monthly rent was \$10,807 which was to be adjusted upward 3% each year on the anniversary of the lease. The Company did not renew this lease.

During the first quarter of 2015, the Company entered into an agreement for new office space to which it relocated its operations upon the expiration of its prior lease. Effective May 1, 2015, the Company began leasing approximately 3,251 square feet of general office space at 301 North Canon Drive, Suite 305, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 pursuant to a 35-month sub-lease that commenced on May 1, 2015. The Company will pay approximately \$136,542 annually subject to annual escalations of 3%.

Rental expenses incurred for operating leases during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 were \$106,271 and \$105,207, respectively.

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments required by the non-cancelable operating lease agreement:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2015	\$34,113
2016	139,273
2017	143,451
2018	36,214
	\$353,051

#### **Note 18: Commitment and Contingencies**

In the normal course of the its business, the Company enters into agreements which call for the payment of royalties or “profit” participations for the use of third party intellectual property. For properties such as *Gisele & The Green Team*, *Martha & Friends* and *Stan Lee and the Mighty 7*, the Company is obligated to share net profits with the underlying rights holders on a certain basis, defined in the respective agreements.

In addition, the Company has also entered into an agreement with XingXing Digital Corporation, an animation company based in China pursuant to which in exchange for the investment of 100% of the costs of the animation, XingXing is entitled to receive a specified percentage of the net proceeds received by the Company from the exploitation of those series on which XingXing has provided animation services. The series covered by this arrangement are *Secret Millionaires Club* and *Gisele & the Green Team*.

The Company has also entered into a similar arrangement with another production vendor, BangZoom Entertainment, which calls for a payment of \$120,000 from the net profits received by the Company from the exploitation of the



series *Secret Millionaires Club*. The payment represents the deferral of certain costs and fees for audio/video post-production work performed by such vendor in connection with that series.

In July 2014, the Company has partnered with Symbiosis Technologies (“Symbiosis”) in which Symbiosis will provide certain pre-production and production services to the Company for the production of *Thomas Edison’s Secret Lab* in exchange for a certain percentage of the series’ forthcoming adjusted revenues as well as the ability to distribute the series in certain territories.

In December 2014, the Company has partnered with Telegael Teoranta (“Telegael”) in which Telegael will provide certain production services to the Company for the production of *Thomas Edison’s Secret Lab* in exchange for a certain percentage of the series’ forthcoming adjusted revenues as well as the ability to distribute the series in certain territories.

#### **Note 19: Subsequent Events**

Pursuant to FASB ASC 855, Management has evaluated all events and transactions that occurred through the date of issuance of these financial statements.

On October 19, 2015, we entered into a Memorandum Regarding Services with Michael Handelman, our current Chief Financial Officer, effective as of November 1, 2015, which supersedes our previous agreement with Mr. Handelman and pursuant to which Mr. Handelman shall continue his engagement as our Chief Financial Officer for a period of one year from the effective date thereof, subject to renewal, in consideration for a fee of \$10,000 per month plus reimbursement of certain out-of-pocket expenses.

On October 29, 2015, the Company entered into securities purchase agreements (the “Purchase Agreement”) with certain accredited investors pursuant to which the Company sold an aggregate of 4,330,000 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.001 per and warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 4,330,000 shares of common stock for a purchase price of \$1.00 per share and gross proceeds to the Company of \$4,330,000 (the “2015 Private Placement”). The closing of the 2015 Private Placement was subject to certain customary closing conditions and closed on November 3, 2015.

The warrants are exercisable into shares of common stock for a period of five (5) years from issuance at an initial exercise price of \$1.10 per share, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, dividends and recapitalizations. The Company is prohibited from effecting an exercise of the warrants to the extent that as a result of such exercise, the holder would beneficially own more than 4.99% (subject to increase up to 9.99% upon 61 days' notice) in the aggregate of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock, calculated immediately after giving effect to the issuance of shares of common stock upon exercise of the warrant.

Pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Agreements, beginning on the closing date of the 2015 Private Placement and ending sixty (60) days after the Effective Date (as defined in the Purchase Agreements), the Company shall not issue any securities, subject to certain exceptions. Additionally, until the later of (i) such time as the investors in the 2015 Private Placement, in the aggregate, hold less than 50% of the common stock originally purchased by them in the Private Placement and the average daily trading volume of the common stock for a period of ten (10) consecutive trading days is greater than \$75,000 and (ii) the one year anniversary of the closing of the 2015 Private Placement, the Company has agreed to not sell any securities, subject to certain exceptions, at an effective per share price of common stock less than the purchase price of the common stock sold in the 2015 Private Placement then in effect.

The Company has agreed to file a "resale" registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") covering all shares of common stock and shares of common stock underlying the warrants issued or issuable in the 2015 Private Placement within 45 days of the closing of the 2015 Private Placement and to maintain the effectiveness of the registration statement until all securities have been sold or are otherwise able to be sold pursuant to Rule 144. The Company has agreed to use its reasonable best efforts to have the registration statement declared effective within 90 days of the closing of the 2015 Private Placement (or 120 days after such closing if the registration statement is subject to review by the SEC. The Company is obligated to pay to investors a fee of 1% per month in cash for every thirty day period up to a maximum of six (6%) percent, (i) that the registration statement has not been filed after the required filing date, (ii) following the required effectiveness date that the registration statement has not been declared effective; and (iii) as otherwise set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

Chardan acted as sole placement agent in the 2015 Private Placement in consideration for which Chardan received a cash fee of \$300,000 and a five-year warrant to purchase up to 425,000 shares of common stock (the "Placement Agent Warrant") at an initial exercise price of \$1.20 per share. The terms of the Placement Agent warrant are identical to the warrants issued in the 2015 Private Placement except with respect to the exercise price thereof..

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders

Genius Brands International, Inc.

Beverly Hills, California

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Genius Brands International, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Genius Brands International, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ HJ Associates & Consultants, LLP

HJ Associates & Consultants, LLP

March 31, 2015

F-18

**Genius Brands International, Inc.****Consolidated Balance Sheets****As of December 31, 2014 and 2013**

<u>ASSETS</u>	12/31/2014	12/31/2013
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,301,099	\$527,110
Accounts Receivable, net	208,486	893,826
Inventory	11,691	224,351
Prepaid and Other Assets	217,622	582,056
Total Current Assets	4,738,898	2,227,343
Property and Equipment, net	32,420	78,748
Film and Television Costs	303,953	-
Capitalized Product Development in Process	7,500	54,575
Intangible Assets, net	1,876,438	1,865,706
Goodwill	10,365,805	10,365,805
Investment in Stan Lee Comics, LLC	-	-
Total Assets	\$17,325,014	\$14,592,177
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$312,728	\$889,919
Accrued Expenses	283,582	219,275
Deferred Revenue and Advances	242,160	107,264
Accrued Salaries and Wages	50,288	59,958
Disputed Trade Payable	925,000	925,000
Short Term Debt - Related Party	411,008	516,659
Total Current Liabilities	2,224,766	2,718,075
Long Term Liabilities:		
Deferred Revenue and Advances	640,417	378,000
Services Advance	739,583	-
Total Liabilities	3,604,766	3,096,075
Stockholders' Equity		
Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value, 10,000,000 share authorized, respectively; 6,000 and 0 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	6	-
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, 700,000,000 shares authorized, respectively; 6,374,450 and 5,918,704 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	6,375	5,919
Additional Paid in Capital	34,866,521	28,914,238
Accumulated Deficit	(21,152,654)	(17,424,055)
Total Stockholders' Equity	13,720,248	11,496,102

Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$17,325,014	\$14,592,177
--	--------------	--------------

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these audited financial statements.

F-19

**Genius Brands International, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Operations****Periods Ending December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	12/31/2014	12/31/2013
Revenues:		
Product Sales	\$497,273	\$1,682,780
Television & Home Entertainment	117,670	505,552
Licensing & Royalties	310,845	368,206
Total Revenues	925,788	2,556,538
Cost of Sales	500,000	1,504,138
Gross Profit	425,788	1,052,400
Operating Expenses:		
Product Development	1,700	139,082
Professional Services	953,463	451,537
Rent Expense	140,070	24,898
Marketing & Sales	338,598	308,355
Depreciation & Amortization	109,753	160,654
Salaries and Related Expenses	1,432,314	1,329,715
Stock Compensation Expense	–	539,185
Bad Debt Expense	73,458	–
Other General & Administrative	852,895	460,818
Total Operating Expenses	3,902,251	3,414,244
Loss from Operations	(3,476,463)	(2,361,844)
Other Income (Expense):		
Other Income	34,700	208
Interest Expense	(11,750 )	(1,663,632)
Interest Expense - Related Parties	(25,842 )	(30,189 )
Gain (loss) on Distribution Contracts	(47,229 )	4,997
(Gain) loss on Conversion of Accounts Payable	(4,072 )	–
(Gain) loss on Settlement or Extinguishment of Debt	56,519	(614,073 )
Gain (loss) on Disposition of Assets	(70,905 )	(251,192 )
Gain (loss) on Inventory	(174,963 )	–
Unrealized gain (loss) on Foreign Currency Translation	(8,594 )	–
Gain (loss) on Derivative Valuation	–	(1,886,943)
Gain (loss) on Exchange of Warrants	–	(312,144 )
Net Other Income (Expense)	(252,136 )	(4,752,968)

Edgar Filing: Genius Brands International, Inc. - Form S-1

Loss before Income Tax Expense	(3,728,599)	(7,114,812)
Income Tax Expense	–	–
Net Loss from Continuing Operations	(3,728,599)	(7,114,812)
Net Loss from Discontinued Operations	–	(101,219 )
Net Loss	\$(3,728,599)	\$(7,216,031)
Net Loss per Common Share from Continuing Operations	\$ (0.60 )	\$ (5.03 )
Net Loss per Common Share from Discontinued Operations	–	(0.07 )
Total Net Loss per Common Share	\$ (0.60 )	\$ (5.10 )
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	6,254,497	1,413,631

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these audited financial statements.

F-20



**Genius Brands International, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)**

	Common Stock		Preferred Stock		Additional Paid in Capital	Accumulated	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount		Deficit	Total
Balance, December 31, 2012	719,127	\$ 719	–	\$ –	\$9,962,062	\$(10,208,024)	\$(245,243 )
Common Stock Issued for Cash, Net of Offering Costs	296,429	297	–	–	968,240	–	968,537
Common Stock Issued for Services	126,899	127	–	–	535,347	–	535,474
Common Stock Issued in exchange for repayment of Note Payable	1,685,236	1,685	–	–	6,180,411	–	6,182,096
Common Stock Issued in exchange for repayment of Accounts Payable	10,020	10	–	–	28,046	–	28,056
Common Stock Issued in exchange for Warrants, net of costs	53,810	54	–	–	336,336	–	336,390
Common Stock Issued for Bonuses to Officers and Directors	55,000	55	–	–	187,445	–	187,500
Common Stock Issued for Merger with A Square Entertainment	2,972,183	2,972	–	–	10,399,666	–	10,402,638
Stock Compensation Expense	–	–	–	–	316,685	–	316,685
Net Loss	–	–	–	–	–	(7,216,031 )	(7,216,031 )
Balance, December 31, 2013	5,918,704	\$ 5,919	–	\$ –	\$28,914,238	\$(17,424,055)	\$ 11,496,102
Common Stock Issued for Cash, Net of Offering costs	102,860	103	–	–	355,013	–	355,116
Common Stock Issued for Purchase Price Adjustment pursuant to Securities Purchase Agreement	305,562	306	–	–	(306 )	–	–
Common Stock Issued in exchange for repayment of Accounts Payable	8,143	8	–	–	32,564	–	32,572
Common Stock Issues for Services	48,000	48	–	–	159,252	–	159,300
Series A Convertible Preferred Stock Issued for Cash, Net of Offering Costs	–	–	6,000	6	5,379,909	–	5,379,915
	–	–	–	–	25,842	–	25,842

Edgar Filing: Genius Brands International, Inc. - Form S-1

Imputed Interest for Member Advances								
Cancellation of Common Stock	(9,000 )	(9 )	–	–	9			–
Adjustment to reconcile shares outstanding due to Reverse Stock Split	181	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Net Loss	–	–	–	–	–		(3,728,599 )	(3,728,599 )
Balance, December 31, 2014	6,374,450	\$ 6,375	6,000	\$ 6	\$ 34,866,521		\$(21,152,654)	\$ 13,720,248

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these audited financial statements.

F-21

**Genius Brands International, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows****Periods Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	12/31/2014	12/31/2013
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net Loss	\$(3,728,599)	\$(7,216,031)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided in operating activities:		
Depreciation Expense	50,484	13,730
Amortization Expense	59,269	146,924
Imputed Interest Expense	25,842	–
Bad Debt Expense	73,458	–
Accretion of Discount on Convertible Debentures	–	1,294,350
Issuance of Common Stock for Interest Expense	–	51,859
Issuance of Common Stock for Services	127,200	167,260
Issuance of Common Stock on Bonuses to Officers and Directors	–	222,500
Stock Compensation Expense	–	316,685
(Gain) Loss on Conversion of Accounts Payable	4,072	–
(Gain) Loss on Settlement or Extinguishment of Debt	(56,519 )	614,073
(Gain) Loss on Derivative Valuation	–	1,886,943
(Gain) Loss on Exchange of Warrants	–	312,144
(Gain) Loss on Distribution Contracts	47,229	(4,997 )
(Gain) Loss on Disposition of Assets	70,905	251,192
(Gain) Loss on Inventory	174,963	–
(Gain) Loss on Discontinued Operations	–	101,219
(Gain) Loss on Foreign Currency Translation	8,594	–
Decrease (increase) in operating assets:		
Accounts Receivable	603,288	279,804
Inventory	37,697	101,721
Prepaid Expenses & Other Assets	361,534	36,716
Other Receivables	–	466,762
Film and Television Costs, net	(303,953 )	–
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	(492,173 )	(354,498 )
Accrued Salaries	(9,670 )	196,318
Accrued Interest	–	11,135
Accrued Interest - Related Party	–	–
Deferred Revenue and Advances	397,313	–
Other Accrued Expenses	67,078	(16,126 )
Net cash provided/(used) in operating activities	(2,481,988)	(1,120,317)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Investment in Capitalized Product Development	(23,830 )	–

Edgar Filing: Genius Brands International, Inc. - Form S-1

Investment in Intangible Assets	(70,000 )	(67,461 )
Investment in Fixed Assets	(4,156 )	(2,825 )
Merger with A Squared Entertainment	–	283,199
Net cash provided/(used) by investing activities	(97,986 )	212,913
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Sale of Preferred Stock, net of offering costs	5,379,915	–
Sale of Common Stock, net of offering costs	355,116	968,537
Cost of Warrant Exchange	–	(15,264 )
Proceeds from Services Advance	750,000	–
Repayment of Services Advance	(10,417 )	–
Payments of Related Party Notes	(105,651 )	(307 )
Debt Issuance Costs	(15,000 )	(275,000 )
Proceeds from Bridge Notes	–	309,000
Net cash provided/(used) by financing activities	6,353,963	986,966
Net increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,773,989	79,562
Beginning Cash and Cash Equivalents	527,110	447,548
Ending Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,301,099	\$527,110

F-22

**Genius Brands International, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - continued****Periods Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	12/31/2014	12/31/2013
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ –	\$–
Cash paid for interest	\$ 6,063	\$–
Schedule of non-cash financing and investing activities:		
Common Stock issued as Settlement for Accounts Payable	\$ 32,572	\$50,100
Common Stock issued for Pre-Paid Services	\$ 32,100	\$333,215
Common Stock issued for Merger, net of cash	\$ –	\$10,119,439
Conversion of Debentures and Accrued Interest to Common Stock	\$ –	\$1,201,474
Conversion of Warrants to Common Stock	\$ –	\$312,144
Conversion of Short Term Bridge Notes and Accrued Interest to Common Stock	\$ –	\$543,719
Conversion of Related Party Notes and Accrued Interest to Common Stock	\$ –	\$472,360
Conversion of Accrued Salaries to Common Stock	\$ –	\$612,443
Accrued Salaries converted to Short Term Note Payable	\$ –	\$221,000
Common Stock issued for Issuance Costs	\$ –	\$15,264
Common Stock issued for Derivative Liabilities	\$ –	\$3,107,608
Common Stock issued for Debt Discount	\$ –	\$342,500

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these audited financial statements.

**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

**Note 1: Organization and Business**

*Organization and Nature of Business*

Genius Brands International, Inc. (“we”, “us”, “our”, “GBI” or the “Company”) is a global content and brand management company dedicated to providing entertaining and enriching “content and products with a purpose” for toddlers to tweens. Led by industry veterans Andrew Heyward (Chief Executive Officer) and Amy Moynihan Heyward (President), the Company produces original content and licenses the rights to that content to a variety of partners. Our licensees include (i) companies to which the audio-visual rights are licensed for exhibition in various formats such as Pay Television, Free or Broadcast Television, Video-on-Demand (“VOD”), subscription on demand (“SVOD”), DVDs/CDs and more and (ii) companies that develop and distribute products based on our content within different product categories such as toys, electronics, publishing, home goods, stationary, gifts, and more.

The Company owns a portfolio of original children’s entertainment that is targeted at toddlers to teens including the award-winning *Baby Genius*, Warren Buffett's *Secret Millionaires Club*, *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab* and *Stan Lee's Mighty 7*, the first project from *Stan Lee Comics, LLC*, a joint venture with legendary Stan Lee's POW! Entertainment.

In addition to the Company’s wholly-owned brands, it also acts as licensing agent for certain brands, leveraging its existing licensing infrastructure to expand these brands into new product categories, new retailers, and new territories. These include the best-selling children’s book series, *Llama Llama; Psycho Bunny*, a luxury apparel line; *From Frank*, a humor greeting card and product line; *Celescence Technologies*, the world's leading microencapsulation company.

The Company commenced operations in January 2006, assuming all of the rights and obligations of its then Chief Executive Officer, under an Asset Purchase Agreement between the Company and Genius Products, Inc., in which the Company obtained all rights, copyrights, and trademarks to the brands “Baby Genius,” “Little Genius,” “Kid Genius,” “123 Favorite Music” and “Wee Worship,” and all then existing productions under those titles. In October 2011, the Company (i) changed its domicile to Nevada from California, and (ii) changed its name to Genius Brands International, Inc. from Pacific Entertainment Corporation (the “Reincorporation”). In connection with the Reincorporation, the Company changed its trading symbol from “PENT” to “GNUS”.

On November 15, 2013, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the “Merger Agreement”) with A Squared Entertainment LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“A Squared”), A Squared Holdings LLC, a California limited liability company and sole member of A Squared (the “Parent Member”) and A2E Acquisition LLC, its newly formed, wholly-owned Delaware subsidiary (“Acquisition Sub”). Upon closing of the transactions contemplated under the Merger Agreement (the “Merger”), which occurred concurrently with entering into the Merger Agreement, the Acquisition Sub merged with and into A Squared, and A Squared, as the surviving entity, became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. As a result of the Merger, the Company acquired the business and operations of A Squared.

On April 2, 2014, the Company filed a certificate of amendment to its Articles of Incorporation to affect a reverse split of our issued and outstanding common stock on a one-for-one-hundred basis. The reverse stock split was effective with FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) on April 7, 2014 (the “Reverse Split”). All per share amounts referenced herein are reflective of the Reverse Split.

### *Strategic Initiatives*

During 2014, the Company began a series of strategic initiatives to restructure certain areas of business in an effort to operate more profitably in the long run. This included product sales, content distribution, production, and product development:

During the second quarter of 2014, the Company began phasing out the direct production and sale of physical products including DVDs and CDs and shifted to a licensing model whereby these functions were outsourced to industry experts and category leaders in their respective industries. On July 14, 2014, the Company employed Stone Newman in the newly created position of President – Global Consumer Products to manage all consumer products, licensing and merchandising sales for the Company’s brands.

**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

- 2) Prior to the third quarter of 2014, the Company utilized an agency to license its content to international television broadcasters, home video, and digital distribution outlets. To exert greater control over the distribution of its expanding portfolio of content, during the second quarter of 2014, the Company formed a new global distribution division and appointed Andrew Berman to the newly created position of Senior Vice President - International Sales to oversee the division and the appointment of regional agents to represent the Company locally in key regions.

- 3) During the third and fourth quarter of 2014, the Company partnered with various pre-production, production, and animation companies to provide services to the Company for the production of *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab* in exchange for a certain percentage of the series' forthcoming adjusted net revenues and the ability to distribute the series in certain languages in certain territories. This model helps to better manage the Company's cash flows while enabling it to exploit territories that would otherwise be challenging to manage and monetize. The Company intends to replicate the model for future productions.

- 4) The infrastructure the Company has put in place enables it to efficiently exploit a growing portfolio of brands. The Company is actively developing a number of new brands to add to its growing portfolio and consistently looks for existing brands to acquire or act as licensing agent, as with the best-selling line of books, *Llama Llama* which the Company recently signed. The Company remains focused on brands that lend themselves to interactive exploitation in multiple areas and are consistent with the Company's primary point of differentiation: providing multi-media "content and products with a purpose" that entertain and enrich kids.

*Liquidity*

Historically, the Company has incurred net losses. As of December 31, 2014, the Company had an accumulated deficit of \$21,152,654 and a total stockholders' equity of \$13,720,248. At December 31, 2014, the Company had current assets of \$4,738,898, including cash of \$4,301,099 and current liabilities of \$2,224,766, including short-term debt to related parties which bears no interest and has no stated maturity of \$411,008 and certain trade payables of \$925,000 to which the Company disputes the claim, resulting in working capital of \$2,514,132. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company reported a net loss of \$3,728,599 and \$7,216,031, respectively, and reported net cash used by operating activities during year ended December 31, 2014 of \$2,481,988.



During 2014, the Company received proceeds from the issuance of common stock, the issuance of Series A Convertible Preferred Shares, the execution of a long-term, exclusive supply chain services agreement, and the execution music advance agreements. Additionally subsequent to the end of the year, the Company received the second payment pursuant to its long term supply chain services agreement. While the Company believes that these funds will be sufficient to fund operations for the next twelve months, there can be no assurance that cash flows from operations will continue to improve in the near future. If the Company is unable to attain profitable operations and positive operating cash flows, it may need to (i) seek additional funding, (ii) scale back its development plans, or (iii) reduce certain operations.

## **Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### *Cash Equivalents*

The Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments with initial maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

### *Reverse Stock Split*

On April 2, 2014, we filed a certificate of amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to affect a reverse split of our issued and outstanding common stock on a one-for-one hundred basis. The reverse stock split was effective with FINRA on April 7, 2014. All common stock share and per share information in this Form 10-K, including the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, have been adjusted to reflect retrospective application of the reverse split, unless otherwise indicated.

### *Business Combination*

On November 15, 2013, the Company entered into a Merger Agreement with A Squared, the Member, and the Acquisition Sub. Upon closing of the Merger, which occurred concurrently with entering into the Merger Agreement, our Acquisition Sub merged with and into A Squared, and A Squared, as the surviving entity, became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. As a result of the Merger, the Company acquired the business and operations of A Squared.

**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

The audited financial statements have been prepared using the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 805 Business Combinations.

See Note 3 - Business Combination for additional information.

*Principles of Consolidation*

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Genius Brands International, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary A Squared Entertainment, LLC. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods.

*Financial Statement Reclassification*

Certain account balances from prior periods have been reclassified in these audited consolidated financial statements so as to conform to current period classifications.

### *Allowance for Sales Returns*

An Allowance for Sales Returns is estimated based on average sales during the previous year. Based on experience, sales growth, and our customer base, the Company concluded that the allowance for sales returns at December 31, 2014 and 2013 should be \$45,582 and \$43,000, respectively.

### *Inventories*

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (average) or market and consist of finished goods such as DVDs, CDs and other products. A reserve for slow-moving and obsolete inventory is established for all inventory deemed potentially non-saleable by management in the period in which it is determined to be potentially non-saleable. The current inventory is considered properly valued and saleable. The Company concluded that there was an appropriate reserve for slow moving and obsolete inventory of \$54,673 and \$93,607 established as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### *Property and Equipment*

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation on property and equipment is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from two to seven years. Maintenance, repairs, and renewals, which neither materially add to the value of the assets nor appreciably prolong their lives, are charged to expense as incurred. Gains and losses from any dispositions of property and equipment are reflected in the statement of operations.

### *Goodwill and Intangible Assets*

Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price over the estimated fair value of net assets acquired in business combinations accounted for by the purchase method. In accordance with ASC 350 Intangibles Goodwill and Other, goodwill and certain intangible assets are presumed to have indefinite useful lives and are thus not amortized, but subject to an impairment test annually or more frequently if indicators of impairment arise. The Company completes the annual goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment tests at the end of each fiscal year. To test for goodwill impairment, we are required to estimate the fair market value of each of our reporting units, of which we have one. While we may use a variety of methods to estimate fair value for impairment testing, our primary methods are discounted cash flows. We estimate future cash flows and allocations of certain assets using estimates for future growth rates and our judgment regarding the applicable discount rates. Changes to our judgments and estimates could result in a significantly different estimate of the fair market value of the reporting units, which could result in an impairment of goodwill of indefinite lived intangible assets in future periods.

F-26

**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

Other intangible assets have been acquired, either individually or with a group of other assets, and were initially recognized and measured based on fair value. Additionally, the Company develops new videos, music, books and digital applications in addition to adding content, improved animation and bonus songs/features to its existing product catalog. In accordance with ASC 350 Intangible Assets and ASC 730 Research and Development, the costs of new product development and significant improvement to existing products are capitalized while routine and periodic alterations to existing products are expensed as incurred. Annual amortization of these intangible assets is computed based on the straight-line method over the remaining economic life of the asset.

*Films and Televisions Costs*

The Company capitalizes production costs for episodic series produced in accordance with ASC 926-20 Entertainment-Films - Other Assets - Film Costs. Accordingly, production costs are capitalized at actual cost and then charged against revenue based on the initial market revenue evidenced by a firm commitment over the period of commitment. The Company expenses all capitalized costs that exceed the initial market firm commitment revenue in the period of delivery of the episodes.

The Company capitalizes production costs for films produced in accordance with ASC 926-20 Entertainment-Films - Other Assets - Film Costs. Accordingly, production costs are capitalized at actual cost and then charged against revenue quarterly as a cost of production based on the relative fair value of the film(s) delivered and recognized as revenue. The Company evaluates their capitalized production costs annually and limits recorded amounts by their ability to recover such costs through expected future sales.

*Revenue Recognition*

The Company recognized revenue related to product sales when (i) the seller's price is substantially fixed, (ii) shipment has occurred causing the buyer to be obligated to pay for product, (iii) the buyer has economic substance apart from the seller, and (iv) there is no significant obligation for future performance to directly bring about the resale of the product by the buyer as required by ASC 605 Revenue Recognition.

Revenues associated with the sale of products are recorded when shipped to customers pursuant to approved customer purchase orders resulting in the transfer of title and risk of loss. Cost of sales, rebates and discounts are recorded at the time of revenue recognition or at each financial reporting date.

The Company recognizes revenue in accordance with ASC 926-605 Entertainment-Films - Revenue Recognition. Accordingly, the Company recognizes revenue when (i) persuasive evidence of a sale with customer exists, (ii) the film is complete and has been delivered or is available for delivery, (iii) the license period of the arrangement has begun and the customer can begin its exploitation, exhibition, or sale, (iv) the arrangement fee is fixed or determinable, and (v) collection of the arrangement fee is reasonably assured.

For its distribution, TV, and home entertainment income the Company generally enters in to flat fee arrangements to deliver multiple films or episodes. The Company allocates revenue to each film or episode based on their relative fair market values and recognizes revenue as each film or episode is complete and available for delivery.

The Company's licensing and royalty revenue represents both (a) variable payments based on net sales from brand licensees for content distribution rights. These license agreements are held in conjunction with third parties that are responsible for collecting fees due and remitting to the Company its share after expenses. Revenue from licensed products is recognized when realized or realizable based on royalty reporting received from licensees and (b) licensing income the Company recognizes revenue as an agent in accordance with ASC 605-45 Revenue Recognition - Principal Agent. Accordingly, the Company's revenue is its gross billings to its customers less the amounts it pays to suppliers for their products and services.

#### *Shipping and Handling*

The Company records shipping and handling expenses in the period in which they are incurred and are included in the Cost of Goods Sold.

#### *Stock Based Compensation*

As required by ASC 718 - Stock Compensation, the Company recognizes an expense related to the fair value of our stock-based compensation awards, including stock options, using the Black-Scholes calculation as of the date of grant.

**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

*Advertising Costs*

The Company's marketing costs are primarily related to advertising, trade shows, public relation fees and production and distribution of collateral materials. In accordance with ASC 720 regarding Advertising Costs, the Company expenses advertising costs in the period in which the expense is incurred. Marketing and Sales costs incurred by licensees are borne fully by the licensee and are not the responsibility of the Company. Advertising expense for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$256,272 and \$117,914, respectively.

*Earnings Per Share*

Basic earnings (loss) per common share ("EPS") is calculated by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS is calculated by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding, plus the assumed exercise of all dilutive securities using the treasury stock or "as converted" method, as appropriate. During periods of net loss, all common stock equivalents are excluded from the diluted EPS calculation because they are antidilutive.

*Income Taxes*

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized based on differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using presently enacted tax rates. At each balance sheet date, the Company evaluates the available evidence about future taxable income and other possible sources of realization of deferred tax assets, and records a valuation allowance that reduces the deferred tax assets to an amount that represents management's best estimate of the amount of such deferred tax assets that more likely than not will be realized.

*Concentration of Risk*

The Company's cash is maintained at two financial institutions and from time to time the balances for this account exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's ("FDIC's") insured amount. Balances on interest bearing deposits at banks in the United States are insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000 per account. As of December 31, 2014, the Company had one account with an uninsured balance of \$3,923,931. As of December 31, 2013, the Company had one account with an uninsured balance of \$123,053.

For fiscal year 2014, the Company had three customers whose total revenue exceeded 10% of the total consolidated revenue. These customers account for 19%, 13%, and 11% of total revenue, respectively. Those three accounts made up 11%, 0%, and 14% of accounts receivable, respectively. For fiscal year 2013, the Company had three customers whose total revenue exceeded 10% of the total consolidated revenue. These customers account for 22%, 20%, and 14% of total revenue, respectively. Those three accounts made up 0%, 6%, and 39% of accounts receivable, respectively. The major customers for the year ending December 31, 2014 are not necessarily the same as the major customers at December 31, 2013. There is significant financial risk associated with a dependence upon a small number of customers. The Company periodically assesses the financial strength of these customers and establishes allowances for any anticipated bad debt. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, no allowance for bad debt has been established for the major customers as these amounts are believed to be fully collectible.

*Fair value of financial instruments*

The carrying amounts of cash, receivables and accrued liabilities approximate fair value due to the short-term maturity of the instruments.

We adopted ASC 820 as of January 1, 2008 for financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis. ASC Topic 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and expands disclosures about fair value measurements.



**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. ASC Topic 820 establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). These tiers include:

· Level 1, defined as observable inputs such as quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets;

· Level 2, defined as inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable such as quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets or quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and

· Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions, such as valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable.

*Recent Accounting Pronouncements*

In July 2013, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2013-11, "Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists" ("ASU No. 2013-11"). ASU No. 2013-11 requires an entity to present an unrecognized tax benefit, or a portion of an unrecognized tax benefit, in the financial statements as a reduction to a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward, with limited exceptions. ASU No. 2013-11 is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2013 and may be applied retrospectively. We are currently evaluating the potential impact of adopting this guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-08, "Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity" ("ASU 2014-08"), which raises the threshold for a disposal to qualify as a discontinued operation and requires new disclosures of both discontinued operations and certain other disposals that do not meet the new definition of a discontinued operation. It also allows an entity to present a discontinued operation even when it has continuing cash flows and significant continuing involvement with the disposed component. The

amendments in ASU 2014-08 are effective prospectively for disposals (or classifications as held for sale) of components of an entity that occur within annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014, and interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted but only for disposals (or classifications as held for sale) that have not been reported in financial statements previously issued or available for issuance. We are currently evaluating the potential impact of adopting this guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)" ("ASU 2014-09"). The core principle of ASU 2014-09 is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. To achieve that core principle, an entity should apply the following steps: identify the contract(s) with a customer; identify the performance obligations in the contract; determine the transaction price; allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation. ASU 2014-09 supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Accounting Standards Codification Topic No. 605, "Revenue Recognition," most industry-specific guidance throughout the industry topics of the accounting standards codification, and some cost guidance related to construction-type and production-type contracts. ASU 2014-09 is effective for public entities for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Early adoption is not permitted. Companies may use either a full retrospective or a modified retrospective approach to adopt ASU 2014-09. We are currently evaluating the potential impact of adopting this guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

In June 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-12, “Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide That a Performance Target Could Be Achieved after the Requisite Service Period” (“ASU 2014-12”). The amendments in ASU 2014-12 require that a performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite service period be treated as a performance condition. A reporting entity should apply existing guidance in Accounting Standards Codification Topic No. 718, “Compensation - Stock Compensation” (“ASC 718”), as it relates to awards with performance conditions that affect vesting to account for such awards. The amendments in ASU 2014-12 are effective for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. Entities may apply the amendments in ASU 2014-12 either: (a) prospectively to all awards granted or modified after the effective date; or (b) retrospectively to all awards with performance targets that are outstanding as of the beginning of the earliest annual period presented in the financial statements and to all new or modified awards thereafter. We are currently evaluating the potential impact of adopting this guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

Various other accounting pronouncements have been recently issued, most of which represented technical corrections to the accounting literature or were applicable to specific industries, and are not expected to have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

**Note 3: Business Combination**

*Overview*

On November 15, 2013, the Company entered into the Merger Agreement with A Squared and Acquisition Sub. Upon closing of the Merger, which occurred concurrently with entering into the Merger Agreement, our Acquisition Sub merged with and into A Squared, and A Squared, as the surviving entity, became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. As a result of the Merger, the Company acquired the business and operations of A Squared.

Immediately following the Merger, the Company's pre-Merger shareholders and option holders owned approximately 50% of the Company's common stock on a fully-diluted basis, and former A Squared members directly and indirectly owned approximately 50% of the Company's common stock on a fully diluted basis.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Merger:

At the closing of the Merger, the membership interests of A Squared issued and outstanding immediately prior to the closing of the Merger were cancelled, and the Member received 2,972,183 shares of our common stock.

Upon the closing of the Merger, Klaus Moeller resigned as the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Larry Balaban resigned as the Company's Corporate Secretary, and Howard Balaban resigned as the Company's Vice President of Business Development. Simultaneously with the effectiveness of the Merger, Andrew Heyward was appointed as the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Amy Moynihan Heyward was appointed as the Company's President and Gregory Payne was appointed as the Company's Corporate Secretary. Mr. Moeller remained a director of the Company until his subsequent resignation on May 15, 2014.

Effective upon the Company's meeting its information obligations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), Michael Meader, Larry Balaban, Howard Balaban and Saul Hyatt resigned as directors of the Company, and Andrew Heyward, Amy Moynihan Heyward, Lynne Segall, Jeffrey Weiss, Joseph "Gray" Davis, William McDonough and Bernard Cahill were appointed as directors of the Company. On December 9, 2013, these changes to the Board of Directors were made effective.

#### *Accounting Treatment*

Although the transaction has been structured as a merger of equals, the merger will be treated as a business combination for accounting purposes. The audited financial statements have been prepared using the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with ASC 805, Business Combinations. Genius Brands is the deemed accounting acquirer, and A Squared is the deemed accounting acquiree based on the following factors: the transfer of the Company's equity as consideration for the merger, the relative size of the pre-merger assets and revenue bases with the Company holding a significantly larger asset and revenue base as compared to A Squared, and the fact that the Company paid a premium over the pre-combination fair value of A Squared.

**Genius Brands International, Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements****December 31, 2014***Purchase Price Allocation*

The following table summarizes the final purchase accounting for the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of the Merger:

	Allocated Fair Value
Cash	\$283,199
Accounts Receivable	89,398
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	145,574
Property and equipment, net	75,385
Identifiable artistic-related intangible assets (a)	1,740,000
Total assets acquired	2,333,556
Accounts Payable	(404,757 )
Accrued Expenses	(450,000 )
Short Term Debt - Related Party	(516,966 )
Disputed Trade Payable	(925,000 )
Total liabilities assumed	(2,296,723 )
Net assets acquired	36,833
Consideration (b)	10,402,638
Goodwill	\$10,365,805

(a) The value of the identifiable artistic-related intangible assets was determined by an independent Corporate Finance and Business Valuation firm.

As consideration for the net assets acquired in the Merger, the Company issued an aggregate of 2,972,183 shares of (b) its common stock the Parent Member, valued at \$3.50 per share. The acquisition-date fair value of the common stock was based on the common stock sold under the private placement on the date of the Merger.

*Pro forma*

The table below presents the pro forma revenue and net loss for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, assuming the Merger had occurred on January 1, 2013, pursuant to ASC 805-10-50. This pro forma information does not purport to represent what the actual results of operations of the Company would have been had Merger occurred on this date nor does it purport to predict the results of operations for future periods.

	Year Ended	
	12/31/2014	12/31/2013
Revenues	\$925,788	\$2,752,830
Net Loss (1)	\$(3,728,599)	\$(5,855,925)

(1) Net loss during the year ended December 31, 2013 includes merger related costs of \$339,180 as well as the elimination of interest expense of \$1,693,821 and the loss on derivative valuation of \$1,886,943.

F-31

**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

**Note 4: Investment in Stan Lee Comics, LLC**

In November 2009, A Squared formed a joint venture, Stan Lee Comics, LLC, with POW, a California corporation, and Archie, a New York corporation, to create, produce, and distribute comic books and other intellectual property based on exclusive properties created by Stan Lee and owned by POW. Each of A Squared, POW, and Archie own one-third of Stan Lee Comics, LLC.

Upon formation, the parties agreed that POW would contribute certain properties to Stan Lee Comics, LLC as consideration for its ownership interest. Similarly, A Squared would contribute certain creative development functions and be entitled to the exercise of all audio-visual development, production and distribution rights in all media, as well as all merchandising rights, in and to the contributed properties as consideration for its ownership interest. Finally, Archie would be entitled to all comic book publication and distribution rights in and to the contributed properties as consideration for its ownership interest. Each party would be entitled to one-third of any net proceeds derived from the contributed properties or their derivative works after recoupment of production cost and fees. Stan Lee Comics, LLC is the owner of the *Stan Lee and the Mighty 7* property.

Upon closing of the Merger, the Company assumed the rights to Stan Lee Comics, LLC held by A Squared.

Pursuant to ASC 323-30, as of December 31, 2014, the Company has recorded the Investment in Stan Lee Comics, LLC at \$0 as no monetary consideration was paid by A Squared, or assumed by the Company in the Merger, for the ownership interest in Stan Lee Comics, LLC.

**Note 5: Inventory**

During the second quarter of 2014, the Company began a strategic initiative to restructure its product sales business by phasing out the direct sale of physical products including DVDs and CDs and shifting to a licensing model. On July 14, 2014, the Company employed Stone Newman in the newly created position of President - Worldwide Consumer Products to manage all consumer products, licensing and merchandising sales and rights for the Company's brands and programming.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company had recorded a total reserve of \$54,673 and \$93,607, respectively. In addition to nominal changes to the reserve made during the normal course of business, during the second quarter of 2014, the Company determined that a portion of its inventory may not be saleable and recorded an additional reserve of \$174,963 which was recorded as a loss on inventory. Finally, during the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company donated certain inventory that had already been reserved for at which time the inventory was written off.

**Note 6: Property and Equipment, Net**

The Company has property and equipment as follows as of December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	12/31/2014	12/31/2013
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 12,385	\$ 12,385
Computer Equipment	36,649	32,493
Leasehold Improvements	99,778	99,778
Software	15,737	15,737
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(132,129 )	(81,645 )
Property and Equipment, Net	\$ 32,420	\$ 78,748

During the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company recorded depreciation expense of \$50,484 and \$13,730, respectively.



**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

**Note 7: Film and Television Costs and Capitalized Product Development in Process**

As of December 31, 2014, the Company had Film and Television Costs of \$303,953 compared to \$0 at December 31, 2013. The increase relates to the commencement of development of the second installment of the feature film *Stan Lee and the Mighty 7* and the development and production of episodes of *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab*.

As of December 31, 2014, the Company had Capitalized Product Development in Process of \$7,500 compared to \$54,575 as of December 31, 2013. During the second quarter of 2014, the Company ceased development of its e-commerce website and web-based streaming services. As the Company deemed the services unusable, it recognized impairment expense of \$70,905 during the second quarter.

**Note 8: Goodwill and Intangible Assets, Net**

*Goodwill*

In association with the Merger, the Company recognized \$10,365,805 in Goodwill, representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration for the Merger over net identifiable assets acquired (See Note 3 - Business Combination for additional information). Pursuant to ASC 350-20, Goodwill is not subject to amortization but is subject to annual review to determine if certain events warrant impairment to the Goodwill asset. During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company did not recognize any impairment related to Goodwill.

*Intangible Assets, Net*

The Company had following intangible assets as of December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	12/31/2014	12/31/2013
Identifiable artistic-related assets (a)	\$1,740,000	\$1,740,000
Trademarks (b)	129,831	129,831
Product Masters (b)	3,257,129	3,257,129
Other Intangible Assets	70,000	—
Less Accumulated Amortization (c)	(3,320,522)	(3,261,254)
Intangible Assets, Net	\$1,876,438	\$1,865,706

In association with the Merger, the Company acquired \$1,740,000 in identifiable artistic-related assets. These assets, related to certain properties owned by A Squared and assumed by the Company, were valued using an independent firm during the fourth quarter of 2013. Based on certain legal, regulatory, contractual, and economic factors, the Company has deemed these assets to be indefinite-lived. Hence, pursuant to ASC 350-30, these assets are not subject to amortization and are tested annually for impairment. During the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company did not recognize any impairment expense related to these assets.

Pursuant to ASC 350-30-35, the Company reviews these intangible assets periodically to determine if the value should be retired or impaired due to recent events. At December 31, 2013, it was determined that certain “Other Intangible Assets” totaling \$470,685 in gross asset value, with accumulated amortization of \$228,961, were to be retired giving rise to an associated loss on disposition of assets totaling \$241,723. During the period ended December 31, 2014, the Company did not recognize any similar impairment.

During the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company recognized \$59,269 and \$146,924, respectively, in amortization expense related to these intangible assets.

**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

Expected future intangible asset amortization as of December 31, 2014 is as follows:

Fiscal Year:	
2015	\$48,576
2016	38,596
2017	17,180
2018	8,655
2019	8,655
Total	\$121,662

**Note 9: Deferred Revenue and Advances**

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company had advances of \$817,167 and \$450,000, respectively.

As a result of the Merger, the Company assumed from A Squared an April 2013 agreement for an advance of \$450,000 for the music rights of certain A Squared properties. During the second quarter of 2014, the Company executed an agreement with the same counterparty for another music advance of \$250,000 covering the properties held by the Company prior to the Merger. Pursuant to ASC 928-430-25-1, the Company began recognizing revenue under these agreements on May 1, 2014.

During the third quarter of 2014, the Company executed another music advance agreement for \$250,000. Pursuant to ASC 928-430-25-1, the Company began recognizing revenue under these agreements on August 1, 2014.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company had deferred revenue of \$65,410 and \$35,264, respectively. Deferred revenue represents amounts collected from licensees and customers for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met.

#### Note 10: Accrued Liabilities

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company has the following accrued liabilities:

	12/31/2014	12/31/2013
Accrued Salaries and Wages		
Accrued Salaries and Wages	\$ 50,288	\$ 59,958
Disputed Trade Payables		
Disputed Trade Payables (a)	925,000	925,000
Services Advance		
Services Advance (b)	739,583	—
Accrued Expenses		
Other Accrued Expenses	283,582	219,275
Total Accrued Liabilities	\$ 1,998,453	\$ 1,204,233

- (a) As part of the Merger, the Company assumed certain liabilities from a previous member of A Squared which has claimed certain liabilities totaling \$925,000. The Company disputes the basis for this liability. During the first quarter of 2014, the Company entered into an exclusive three year agreement with Sony DADC, the optical disc manufacturing and fulfillment arm of Sony, to provide all CD, DVD and BD replication, packaging and distribution to Genius Brands International's direct customers. Under the terms of the long-term, exclusive supply chain services agreement, the Company will order a minimum level of disc replication, packaging and distribution services for its content across all physical media, including DVD, CD, and Blu-ray from Sony DADC. As consideration for these minimum order levels, the Company received a total of \$1,500,000, \$750,000 during the first quarter of 2014 and \$750,000 during the first quarter of 2015. At the end of the term, the Company is obligated to repay a pro-rata portion of the advance if it has not ordered a minimum number of DVD/CD units during the term.

**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

**Note 11: Short Term Revolving Credit Facility**

On August 15, 2014, the Company entered into a Revolving Line of Credit (the "Line of Credit") with SunTrust Bank ("SunTrust") with availability equal to a maximum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) (the "Loan Amount"), evidenced by a note (the "Note"). All outstanding amounts under the Note shall be due and payable on August 12, 2015 and shall accrue interest at a rate equal to the one month LIBOR Rate (as defined in Addendum A to the Note) plus 4.75% per annum, subject to adjustment (the "Interest Rate"). Repayment of the Loan Amount is secured by the assets of the Company pursuant to the terms of a security agreement. The Note is subject to certain "events of default", including, but not limited to, the failure by the Company to pay any amount due and owing under the Note when it becomes due and the entry of a judgment or the issuance or service of any attachment, levy or garnishment against the Company or the property of the Company or the repossession or seizure of the property of the Company. Upon the occurrence of any proscribed event of default, SunTrust shall have no obligation to fund the Note or make any advancement under the Note and SunTrust, at its option, may declare the entire outstanding principal balance, together with all interest thereon, to be immediately due and payable. Upon the occurrence of an event of default, SunTrust may, at its option, charge interest on the unpaid balance of the Note at the lesser of (i) the Interest Rate plus 4% per annum or (ii) the maximum rate allowed by law.

As of December 31, 2014, the Company had no outstanding balances under the Note. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company recognized interest expense of \$3,833 based on certain non-usage fees on the unused portion of the Loan Amount, as well as amortization of deferred financing costs of \$5,687.

Subsequent to the end of the year, on March 2, 2015, the Company and SunTrust Bank entered into a Line of Credit Termination Agreement in order to terminate the Company's line of credit with SunTrust evidenced by that certain commercial note dated August 15, 2014 in the principal amount of \$2,000,000. On the Termination Date, there were no amounts due or payable to SunTrust.

**Note 12: Short Term Debt - Related Parties**

As part of the Merger, the Company acquired certain liabilities from A Squared. From time to time, A Squared required short-term advances to fund its operations and provide working capital from its founder, the Company's current Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Heyward. As of December 31, 2014, these advances totaled \$411,008, compared to \$516,659 as of December 31, 2013. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company repaid a portion of the advances to its Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Heyward, in the amount of \$105,651.

These advances are interest free and have no stated maturity. The Company has applied an imputed interest rate of 6% in accordance with ASC 835-30-45. During years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company recognized imputed interest expense of \$25,842 and \$0 as a contribution to additional paid-in capital, respectively.

### **Note 13: Stockholders' Equity**

#### *Common Stock*

As part of the Reincorporation, the total number of authorized shares of common stock was changed to 250,000,000 shares, \$0.001 par value per share. The common stock and additional paid in capital accounts were restated as of December 31, 2012, and for the years then ended, to recognize the change from no par common stock to a par value of \$0.001 per share. The Company conducted a consent solicitation of its stockholders of record as of September 3, 2013 (the "Record Date") to approve certain corporate actions. Stockholders, representing at least a majority of outstanding shares of the Company's voting capital as of the Record Date voted by written consent to approve an amendment to the Company's Article of Incorporation in order to increase the number of common stock authorized to 700,000,000 from 250,000,000. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the total number of authorized shares of common stock was 700,000,000.

**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

As part of the aforementioned consent solicitation, stockholders, representing at least a majority of outstanding shares of the Company's voting capital as of the Record Date, also voted by written consent to approve a proposal to effect a reverse split of the Company's common stock in a ratio to be determined by the Board which would not be less than One for Ten (1:10) and not more than One for One-Hundred (1:100), which was to be effective no later than September 30, 2014, at such ratio and at such time in the sole discretion of the Board and in lieu of issuing any fractional shares resulting from the reverse split, to issue the next whole share (the "Reverse Split").

On April 2, 2014, we filed an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to affect the Reverse Split on a one-for-one hundred basis. The Reverse Split was effective with FINRA on April 7, 2014. All common stock share and per share information in this Form 10-K, including the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, have been adjusted to reflect retrospective application of the Reverse Split, unless otherwise indicated. The total number of authorized shares of common stock was not adjusted in conjunction with the Reverse Split.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, there were 6,374,450 and 5,918,704 shares of common stock outstanding, respectively. Below are the changes to the Company's common stock during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014:

On January 10, 2014, the Company issued 102,860 shares of the Company's common stock in a private placement to certain investors at \$3.50 per share. The Company received gross proceeds of \$360,000 and paid related offering costs of \$4,884.

On January 10, 2014, the Company issued 8,143 shares of common stock as an extinguishment of a \$28,500 accounts payable balance for services rendered in relation to the private placement. The shares were valued at the market price of \$4.00 per share giving rise to a loss on the extinguishment of accounts payable of \$4,072.

On January 29, 2014, the Company issued 18,000 shares of common stock to a third party for prepaid investor relations services at \$3.50 per share for a six month period beginning in January 2014.

On May 1, 2014, the Company issued 30,000 shares of common stock to a third party for creative design and development services at \$3.21 per share.

On June 16, 2014, the Company issued 305,562 shares of common stock to investors in the Company's November 2013 and January 2014 private placement. Pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement associated with that offering, for a period of three years after the initial closing of the offering, investors are entitled to additional shares if the Company issues securities pursuant to which shares of common stock may be acquired at a price less than the

per share purchase price in that offering or \$3.50 per share. The issuance of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock in May of 2014, as described below, triggered this issuance of these additional shares.

On November 3, 2014, the Company cancelled 9,000 shares of common stock issued to a third party for prepaid services.

*Preferred Stock*

The Company has 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock authorized with a par value of \$0.001 per share. The Board of Directors is authorized, subject to any limitations prescribed by law, without further vote or action by our stockholders, to issue from time to time shares of preferred stock in one or more series. Each series of preferred stock will have such number of shares, designations, preferences, voting powers, qualifications and special or relative rights or privileges as shall be determined by our board of directors, which may include, among others, dividend rights, voting rights, liquidation preferences, conversion rights and preemptive rights.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, 6,000 and 0 shares of preferred stock were issued and outstanding, respectively.

On May 12, 2014, the Board of Directors authorized the designation of a class of preferred stock as “Series A Convertible Preferred Stock”. On May 14, 2014, the Company filed the Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of the 0% Series A Convertible Preferred Stock with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada.



**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

Each share of the newly designated Series A Preferred Stock is convertible into shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share based on a conversion calculation equal to the Base Amount divided by the conversion price. The Base Amount is defined as the sum of (i) the aggregate stated value of the Series A Preferred Stock to be converted and (ii) all unpaid dividends thereon. The stated value of each share of the Series A Preferred Stock is \$1,000 and the initial conversion price is \$2.00 per share, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, dividends and recapitalizations. Additionally, in the event the Company issues shares of its common stock or common stock equivalents at a per share price that is lower than the conversion price then in effect, the conversion price shall be adjusted to such lower price, subject to certain exceptions. The Company is prohibited from effecting a conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock to the extent that as a result of such conversion, the investor would beneficially own more than 9.99% in the aggregate of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company's common stock, calculated immediately after giving effect to the issuance of shares of common stock upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock. The shares of Series A Preferred Stock possess no voting rights.

On May 14, 2014, we entered into securities purchase agreements with certain accredited investors pursuant to which we sold an aggregate of 6,000 shares of our newly designated Series A Convertible Preferred Stock at a price of \$1,000 per share for gross proceeds to us of \$6,000,000. Related to the sale, we incurred offering costs of \$620,085 resulting in net proceeds of \$5,379,915. The closing of the transaction was subject to certain customary closing conditions and closed on May 15, 2014.

**Note 14: Stock Options**

The Company has adopted the provisions of ASC 718 - Compensation which requires companies to measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for equity instruments based on the grant date fair value of those awards and to recognize the compensation expense over the requisite service period during which the awards are expected to vest.

On December 29, 2008, the Company adopted the Pacific Entertainment Corporation 2008 Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"), which provides for the issuance of qualified and non-qualified stock options to officers, directors, employees and other qualified persons. The Plan is administered by the Board of Directors of the Company or a committee appointed by the Board of Directors. The number of shares of the Company's common stock initially reserved for issuance under the Plan was 110,000. On September 2, 2011, the shareholders holding a majority of the Company's outstanding common stock adopted an amendment to the Company's 2008 Stock Option Plan to increase the number of shares of common stock issuable under the plan to 500,000.

The following schedule summarizes the changes in the Company's stock option plan during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014:

	Options Outstanding	Exercise Price per Share	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	Weighted Average Exercise Price per Share
Balance at December 31, 2013	37,150	\$6.00 - 55.00	3.55 years	\$ -	\$ 32.00
Options Granted	-				
Options Exercised	-				
Options Expired	36,800				
Balance at December 31, 2014	350	\$6.00 - 33.60	2.29 years	\$ -	\$ 15.09
Exercisable December 31, 2013	37,150	\$6.00 - 55.00	3.41 years	\$ -	\$ 32.00
Exercisable December 31, 2014	350	\$6.00 - 33.60	2.29 years	\$ -	\$ 15.09

During the years ended December 31, 2014, the Company did not recognize any stock based compensation expense. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company recognized stock based compensation expense of \$316,685.

**Genius Brands International, Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements****December 31, 2014****Note 15: Warrants**

The Company has warrants outstanding to purchase up to 300,000 and 0 shares of our common stock at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

In connection with the sale of the Company's newly designated Series A Convertible Preferred Stock in May 2014, Chardan Capital Markets LLC ("Chardan") acted as sole placement agent in consideration for which Chardan received a cash fee of \$535,000 and a warrant to purchase up to 300,000 shares of the Company's common stock. These warrants vested immediately, have an exercise price of \$2.00 per share, and have a five year term.

The following schedule summarizes the changes in the Company's outstanding warrants during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014:

	Warrants Outstanding	Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price
	Number of Shares	per Share		per Share
Balance at December 31, 2013	–	\$ –	–	\$ –
Warrants Granted	300,000	\$ 2.00	4.37 years	\$ 2.00
Warrants Exercised	–	\$ –	–	\$ –
Warrants Expired	–	\$ –	–	\$ –
Balance at December 31, 2014	300,000	\$ 2.00	4.37 years	\$ 2.00
Exercisable December 31, 2013	–	\$ –	–	\$ –
Exercisable December 31, 2014	300,000	\$ 2.00	4.37 years	\$ 2.00

**Note 16: Income Taxes**

Deferred taxes are provided on a liability method whereby deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences and operating loss and tax credit carry forwards and deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax basis. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment.

F-38

**Genius Brands International, Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements****December 31, 2014**

Net deferred tax liabilities consist of the following components as of December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	2014	2013
Deferred tax assets:		
NOL Carryover	\$4,505,900	\$3,252,200
Returns Reserve	17,800	16,800
Inventory Reserve	21,300	36,500
Accrued Related Party Interest	—	—
Accrued Officer Compensation	—	—
Accrued Compensated Absences	19,600	14,800
Charitable Contributions	400	1,300
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Depreciation and Amortization	116,500	80,100
Valuation Allowance	(4,681,500)	(3,401,700)
Net deferred tax asset	\$—	\$—

The income tax provision differs from the amount of income tax determined by applying the U.S. federal tax rate to pretax income from continuing operations for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 due to the following:

	2014	2013
Book Loss	\$(1,453,800)	\$(2,813,900)
Meals and Entertainment	4,700	5,900
Stock Compensation for Services	—	525,900
Stock issued for debt extinguishment	—	1,762,000
Excess Tax Gain (Loss) on Disposal over Book	—	(12,500 )
Accrued Compensated Absences	4,800	(23,300 )
Accrued Officer Compensation	—	(158,600 )
Returns Reserve	1,000	(3,900 )
Inventory Reserve	(15,200 )	14,200
Depreciation and Amortization	9,700	10,200

Valuation Allowance	1,448,800	694,000
	\$-	\$-

At December 31, 2014, the Company had net operating loss carry forwards of approximately \$11,554,000 that may be offset against future taxable income from the year 2015 through 2034. No tax benefit has been reported in the December 31, 2013 financial statements since the potential tax benefit is offset by a valuation allowance of the same amount.

Due to the change in ownership provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, net operating loss carry forwards for Federal income tax reporting purposes are subject to annual limitations. Should a change in ownership occur, net operating loss carry forwards may be limited as to use in future years.

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification Topic 740, Income Taxes (“Topic 740”), which requires the recognition of deferred tax liabilities and assets at currently enacted tax rates for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns. A valuation allowance is recognized to reduce the net deferred tax asset to an amount that is more likely than not to be realized.

Topic 740 provides guidance on the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a company’s financial statements. Topic 740 requires a company to determine whether it is more likely than not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination based upon the technical merits of the position. If the more-likely-than-not threshold is met, a company must measure the tax position to determine the amount to recognize in the financial statements.

**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

At the adoption date of January 1, 2008, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefit which would affect the effective tax rate if recognized.

The Company includes interest and penalties arising from the underpayment of income taxes in the statements of operation in the provision for income taxes. As of December 31, 2014, the Company had no accrued interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions.

The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and in the state of California. The Company is currently subject to U.S. federal, state and local, or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities since inception of the Company.

**Note 17: Employment Agreements**

On November 15, 2013, as a closing condition to the Merger, the Company entered into five-year employment agreements with Andrew Heyward, to serve as Chief Executive Officer, and Amy Moynihan Heyward, to serve as President of the Company, for which each receives an annual base salary of \$200,000 and \$180,000, respectively.

Effective May 26, 2014, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Andrew Berman for the newly created position of Senior Vice President - International Sales. The agreement has a one year term with an additional one year term renewal subject to approval of the Company and Mr. Berman. The agreement provides for an annual salary of \$175,000.

Effective July 14, 2014, the Company employed Stone Newman in the newly created operating position of President - Worldwide Consumer Products and executed a three-year employment agreement which either party may terminate on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> month anniversary upon thirty (30) days' notice. Mr. Newman will have oversight over all consumer products, licensing and merchandising sales and rights for the Company's brands and programming as well as certain brands he previously managed prior to his employment by the Company. The agreement provides Mr. Newman with an annual salary of \$275,000 plus an additional participation for certain customers.

#### **Note 18: Lease Commitments**

The Company has no capital leases subject to the Capital Lease guidelines in the FASB Accounting Standards Codification.

Rental expenses incurred for operating leases during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 were \$140,070 and \$24,898, respectively.

Warehouse space of approximately 2,000 square feet in Rogers, Minnesota was rented on a month to month basis and was vacated as of October 31, 2013. In November 2012, the Company signed a nine month lease to occupy three offices in San Diego, California, which terminated as of April 30, 2013.

As of December 31, 2014, the Company leased approximately 2,807 square feet of office space at 9401 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California pursuant to a standard office lease dated February 3, 2012. The lease has a term of 3 years, from May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2015. The monthly rent is \$10,807 which is to be adjusted upward 3% each year on the anniversary of the lease. The Company does not intend to renew this lease.

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments required by the non-cancelable operating lease agreement:

Year	Amount
2015	45,860
	\$45,860

Subsequent to the end of 2014, the Company entered into an agreement for new office space to which it will relocate its operations upon the expiration of its existing lease. Effective May 1, 2015, the Company will lease approximately 3,251 square feet of general office space at 301 North Canon Drive, Suite 305, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 pursuant to a



35-month sub-lease that commences on May 1, 2015. The Company will pay approximately \$136,542 annually subject to annual escalations of 3%.

F-40

**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

**Note 19: Commitment and Contingencies**

In the normal course of the its business, the Company enters into agreements which call for the payment of royalties or “profit” participations for the use of third party intellectual property. For properties such as *Gisele & The Green Team*, *Martha & Friends* and *Stan Lee and the Mighty 7*, the Company is obligated to share net profits with the underlying rights holders on a certain basis, defined in the respective agreements.

In addition, the Company has also entered into an agreement with XingXing Digital Corporation, an animation company based in China pursuant to which in exchange for the investment of 100% of the costs of the animation, XingXing is entitled to receive a specified percentage of the net proceeds received by the Company from the exploitation of those series on which XingXing has provided animation services. The series covered by this arrangement are *Secret Millionaires Club* and *Gisele & the Green Team*.

The Company has also entered into a similar arrangement with another production vendor, BangZoom Entertainment, which calls for a payment of \$120,000 from the net profits received by the Company from the exploitation of the series *Secret Millionaires Club*. The payment represents the deferral of certain costs and fees for audio/video post-production work performed by such vendor in connection with that series.

In July 2014, the Company has partnered with Symbiosis Technologies (“Symbiosis”) in which Symbiosis will provide certain pre-production and production services to the Company for the production of *Thomas Edison’s Secret Lab* in exchange for a certain percentage of the series’ forthcoming adjusted revenues as well as the ability to distribute the series in certain territories.

In December 2014, the Company has partnered with Telegael Teoranta (“Telegael”) in which Telegael will provide certain production services to the Company for the production of *Thomas Edison’s Secret Lab* in exchange for a certain percentage of the series’ forthcoming adjusted revenues as well as the ability to distribute the series in certain territories.

**Note 20: Discontinued Operations**

On September 20, 2010, the Company entered into a joint venture agreement between the Company and Dr. Shulamit Ritblatt to form Circle of Education, LLC, a California limited liability company, for the purpose of creation and distribution of a curriculum to promote school readiness for children ages 0-5 years ("COE"). The Company obtained an initial voting and economic interest of seventy-five percent of the outstanding units of the newly formed company in exchange for the contribution of all intellectual property rights the Company had in the Circle of Education program.

In March 2012, the Company and Dr. Ritblatt agreed to terminate the joint venture agreement. COE transferred equal right of ownership in the intellectual property developed as of the date of termination ("IP") to each of the Company and Dr. Ritblatt, and in exchange for the rights to the IP, Dr. Ritblatt transferred her units of COE to the Company. Each party will have the right to continue development of the IP and products based on the IP with no further obligation to the other party. Subject to certain limitations for specific channels of distribution reserved for each party for a period of twelve months from the execution of the agreements, both parties have non-exclusive and non-restrictive rights to the use, sublicense or sale of the IP and products created based on the IP.

The Company consolidated the results for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 with the results of COE. There were no sales or cost of sales in the twelve month period ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011. COE had general and administrative costs of \$0 and \$21,461 for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Costs in 2011 included legal costs related to the creation of the agreements and registration of the entity in the aggregate of \$18,068, sales and marketing costs of \$1,181 and product development costs of \$2,212 for a total loss of \$21,461. As the Company has an economic interest of 100 percent of the total subsidiary as a result of the agreement to terminate COE, the Company recognized 100 percent of the loss, or \$5,366, as noncontrolling interest on the financial statements for the twelve months ended December 31, 2011.

On December 31, 2013, given no activity during the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company discontinued all activities related to COE. Net Assets of Discontinued Operations on the Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2012 totaled \$101,219, which gave rise to a loss on discontinued operations in 2013 of \$101,219.

**Genius Brands International, Inc.**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2014**

**Note 21: Subsequent Events**

Pursuant to FASB ASC 855, Management has evaluated all events and transactions that occurred from December 31, 2014 through the date of issuance of these financial statements. During this period, we did not have any significant subsequent events, except as disclosed below:

In February 2015, the Company entered into an agreement for new office space to replace its existing space upon the expiration of its existing lease. Effective May 1, 2015, the Company will be leasing approximately 3,251 square feet of general office space at 301 North Canon Drive, Suite 305, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 pursuant to a 35-month sub-lease that commences on May 1, 2015. The Company will pay approximately \$136,542 annually subject to annual escalations of 3%.

On March 2, 2015, the Company and SunTrust Bank entered into a Line of Credit Termination Agreement in order to terminate the Company's line of credit with SunTrust evidenced by that certain commercial note dated August 15, 2014 in the principal amount of \$2,000,000. On the Termination Date, there were no amounts due or payable to SunTrust.

On March 16, 2015, Jeffrey Weiss resigned from the Board of the Directors of the Company. Mr. Weiss did not resign due to any disagreement with the Company or its management regarding any matters relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices. Mr. Weiss will act as an unpaid advisor to the Company.

On March 18, 2015, Margaret Loesch was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Company.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

**Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.**

We will pay all expenses in connection with the registration and sale of the common stock by the selling shareholders. The estimated expenses of issuance and distribution are set forth below.

SEC filing fee	\$744
Legal expenses	\$70,000*
Accounting expenses	\$15,000*
Miscellaneous	\$10,000*
Total	\$95,774*

\* Estimate

**Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Section 78.7502(1) of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (except in an action brought by or on behalf of the corporation) if that person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by that person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, if that person acted in good faith and in a manner which that person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceedings, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, alone, does not create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and that, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, the person had reasonable cause to believe his action was unlawful.

Section 78.7502(2) of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit brought by or on behalf of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor because the person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses, including amounts paid in settlement and attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by that person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit, if the person acted in accordance with the standard set forth above, except that no indemnification may be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction after exhaustion of all appeals therefrom to be liable to the corporation or for amounts paid in settlement to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought or other court of competent jurisdiction determines that, in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court deems proper.

Section 78.7502(3) of the Nevada Revised Statutes further provides that, to the extent a director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections 1 and 2 thereof, or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, that person shall be indemnified by the corporation against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by that person in connection therewith.

Section 78.751 of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides that unless indemnification is ordered by a court, the determination to provide indemnification must be made by the stockholders, by a majority vote of a quorum of the board of directors who were not parties to the action, suit or proceeding, or in specified circumstances by independent legal counsel in a written opinion. In addition, the articles of incorporation, bylaws or an agreement made by the corporation may provide for the payment of the expenses of a director or officer of the expenses of defending an action as incurred upon receipt of an undertaking to repay the amount if it is ultimately determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that the person is not entitled to indemnification. Section 78.751 of the Nevada Revised Statutes further provides that the indemnification provided for therein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the indemnified party may be entitled and that the scope of indemnification shall continue as to directors, officers, employees or agents who have ceased to hold such positions, and to their heirs, executors and administrators.

Section 78.752 of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides that a corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation against any liability asserted against him or incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such whether or not the corporation would have the authority to indemnify him against such liabilities and expenses.

The Company's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, none of our directors will be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. Any repeal or modification of this provision will be prospective only and will not adversely affect any limitation, right or protection of a director of our company existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

#### **Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities.**

On October 29, 2015, the Company entered into securities purchase agreements (the "October 2015 Purchase Agreements") with certain accredited investors (the "October 2015 Investors") pursuant to which the Company sold an aggregate of 4,330,000 shares of its common stock and warrants (the "October 2015 Warrants") to purchase up to an aggregate of 4,330,000 shares of common stock for a purchase price of \$1.00 per share (the "October 2015 Private Placement") and gross proceeds to the Company of \$4,330,000. The closing of the October 2015 Private Placement was subject to certain customary closing conditions and occurred on November 3, 2015. The October 2015 Warrants are exercisable into shares of common stock for a period of five (5) years from issuance at an initial exercise price of \$1.10 per share, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, dividends and recapitalizations. Chardan Capital Markets LLC ("Chardan") acted as sole placement agent in the October 2015 Private Placement in consideration for which the Company paid Chardan received a cash fee of \$300,000 and issued to Chardan a five-year warrant to purchase up to 425,000 shares of common stock (the "Placement Agent Warrants") at an initial exercise price of \$1.20 per share. The terms of the Placement Agent Warrant are identical to the October 2015 Warrants issued to the October 2015 Investors in the October 2015 Private Placement except with respect to the exercise price thereof.

On June 16, 2014, the Company issued 305,562 shares of common stock to investors in the Company's November 2013 and January 2014 private placement. Pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement associated with that offering, for a period of three years after the initial closing of the offering, investors are entitled to additional shares if the Company issues securities pursuant to which shares of common stock may be acquired at a price less than the per share purchase price in that offering or \$3.50 per share. The issuance of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock in May of 2014 triggered this issuance of these additional shares. In December 2015 the Company issued an additional [713,000] shares of common stock to such investors pursuant to such anti-dilution rights, as a result of the October 2015 Private Placement.

On May 14, 2014, the Company entered into securities purchase agreements with certain accredited investors pursuant to which the Company sold an aggregate of 6,000 shares of its newly designated Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series A Preferred Stock") at a price of \$1,000 per share for gross proceeds to the Company of \$6,000,000. The closing of the Private Placement was subject to certain customary closing conditions and closed on May 15, 2014.

Each share of Series A Preferred Stock is convertible into shares of the Company's common stock based on a conversion calculation equal to the Base Amount divided by the conversion price. The Base Amount is defined as the sum of (i) the aggregate stated value of the Series A Preferred Stock to be converted and (ii) all unpaid dividends

thereon. The stated value of each share of the Series A Preferred Stock is \$1,000 and the initial conversion price is \$2.00 per share, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, dividends and recapitalizations. Chardan Capital Markets, LLC acted as sole placement agent in the private placement in consideration for which Chardan received a cash fee of \$535,000 and a warrant to purchase up to 300,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$2.00 per share.

On May 14, 2014, we issued 30,000 shares of common stock to a consultant for creative services.

On January 10, 2014, the Company issued 102,860 shares of the Company's common stock in a private placement to certain investors at \$3.50 per share.

On January 10, 2014, the Company issued 8,143 shares of common stock as an extinguishment of a \$28,500 accounts payable balance for services rendered in relation to the private placement.

On January 29, 2014, the Company issued 18,000 shares of common stock to a third party for prepaid investor relations services at \$3.50 per share for a six month period beginning in January 2014.

On November 15, 2013, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the "Merger Agreement") with A Squared Entertainment LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("A Squared"), A Squared Holdings LLC, a California limited liability company and sole member of A Squared (the "Parent Member") and A2E Acquisition LLC, our newly formed, wholly-owned Delaware subsidiary ("Acquisition Sub"). Upon closing of the transactions contemplated under the Merger Agreement (the "Merger"), which occurred concurrently with entering into the Merger Agreement, our Acquisition Sub merged with and into A Squared, and A Squared, as the surviving entity, became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. At the closing of the Merger, the membership interests of A Squared issued and outstanding immediately prior to the closing of the Merger were cancelled and the Parent Member received shares of our common stock. Accordingly, an aggregate of 2,972,182 shares of our common stock were issued to the Parent Member. At the closing of the Merger, the Company sold an aggregate of 296,429 shares of shares of its common stock in a private placement to certain investors at a per share price of \$3.50 for gross proceeds to the Company of \$1,037,500.



In connection with the Merger, the Company entered into a marketing consultation agreement with Girlilla Marketing LLC (“Girlilla” and the agreement the “Girlilla Consulting Agreement”) pursuant to which Girlilla agreed to provide certain strategic digital marketing services in consideration for 10,000 shares of common stock (the “Girlilla Shares”), which vested as follows: 2,000 shares upon execution of the Girlilla Consulting Agreement, 2,000 shares on January 15, 2014, 2,000 shares on March 15, 2014, 2,000 shares on June 15, 2014 and 2,000 shares on September 14, 2014.

Additionally, the Company entered into an engagement letter with ROAR LLC (“ROAR” and the engagement letter, the “ROAR Engagement Letter”) pursuant to which ROAR agreed to provide the Company with certain services, including the development of a business development strategy, for a period of 18 months. In consideration for its services, the Company agreed to issue ROAR 67,492 shares of common stock (the “ROAR Shares”) which vested as follows: 20,000 shares upon execution of the ROAR Engagement Letter, 20,000 shares on January 15, 2014, 13,746 shares on September 15, 2014 and 13,746 shares on March 15, 2015.

On November 15, 2013, the Company issued an aggregate of 448,613 shares of common stock to holders of its 12% convertible promissory notes, in the aggregate principal amount of \$530,000, plus accrued but unpaid interest of \$13,718.51 (the “Bridge Notes”) in connection with the automatic conversion of the Bridge Notes upon consummation of the Merger, which qualified as an “Acquisition Transaction” under the terms of the Bridge Notes.

In connection with the Merger, the Company entered into Salary Conversion Agreements with each of Klaus Moeller, Jeanene Morgan, Larry Balaban, Howard Balaban and Michael Meader pursuant to which such individuals agreed to convert an aggregate of approximately \$612,442.62 in accrued but unpaid salaries into an aggregate of 124,145 shares of common stock.

On November 15, 2013, the Company issued an aggregate of 929,434 shares of common stock to holders of its 16% senior secured convertible debentures, in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,088,333.32, plus accrued but unpaid interest in the aggregate amount of \$38,140.54, in connection with the automatic conversion of the debentures upon consummation of the Merger, which qualified as an “Acquisition Transaction” under the terms of the debentures, as amended.

On August 30, 2013, 50,000 warrants to purchase the Company’s common stock held by Hillair were exchanged for 50,000 shares of the Company’s common stock with no receipt of cash and the warrants were cancelled.

On September 6, 2013, \$75,000 of an outstanding debenture was converted into 61,881 shares of common stock.

## Edgar Filing: Genius Brands International, Inc. - Form S-1

On September 13, 2013, 28,000 shares of common stock were issued in exchange for services valued \$112,000 to New Castle LLC, or \$4.00 per share.

On September 19, 2013, pursuant to an agreement to cancel a consulting agreement, 4,000 shares of common stock were issued to ROAR, LLC. The shares were valued at \$4.00 per share, or \$16,000.

On October 18, 2013, the Company exchanged 3,810 warrants to purchase common stock issued to various parties associated with National Securities as part of the Hillair debenture issuance for shares of restricted common stock of the Company on a one for one basis with no exchange of cash.

On October 25, 2013, the board of directors granted five officers and employees 10,000 shares each and one director 5,000 shares of restricted common stock as a bonus for service to the Company.

On October 30, 2013, the Company issued 10,020 shares of restricted common stock in exchange for services valued at \$50,100, or \$5.00 per share.

On November 8, 2013, 43,206 shares of restricted common stock were issued in full payment of a note payable, originally issued on March 31, 2011, with a principal amount of \$159,752.54 and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$56,277.79.

On November 8, 2013, the Company issued 10,000 shares restricted common stock to a director as a bonus for service to the Company.

On August 30, 2013, the Company sold \$530,000 of its 12% convertible promissory notes (the "Bridge Notes") to certain accredited investors. The sale of the \$530,000 of Bridge Notes includes the conversion of accrued but unpaid loans and compensation owed to members of management in the aggregate amount of \$221,000, which such conversion was conditioned up such members of management investing an aggregate of \$221,000 in a future financing. The Bridge Notes were convertible into shares of the Company's common stock at an initial conversion price of \$1.21 per share, subject to adjustment in the case of stock splits, dividends and lower priced issuances (subject to certain customary exceptions).

On August 30, 2013, the Company entered into an exchange agreement with the holder (the “Warrant Holder”) of its Common Stock Purchase Warrant to purchase up to 50,000 shares of common stock (the “Warrant Exchange”). In exchange for the return and cancellation of the Common Stock Purchase Warrant in full, the Company issued the Warrant Holder 50,000 shares of the Company’s common stock.

On May 26, 2013, the Company issued 4,000 shares of common stock to ROAR, LLC in exchange for services valued at \$84,000, or \$21.00 per share.

On May 15, 2013, Stock Option Grant Notices were issued to each of five officers to purchase up to 7,500 shares of common stock, vesting on the grant date, at an exercise price of \$20.00 per share. The options have expiration dates five years from the grant date.

On May 15, 2013, options to purchase up to 2,500 shares of common stock were issued to an employee, vesting on the date of grant, at an exercise price of \$20.00 per share. The options have an expiration date five years from the date of the grant notice.

On May 1, 2013, the Company issued 2,782 shares of common stock in exchange for services valued at \$58,418 to Pacific Media Digital Services, LLC, or \$21.00 per share.

On May 1, 2013, the Company issued 625 shares of common stock to Direct Action Group, LLC in exchange for services valued at \$13,125, or \$2.10 per share.

On February 1, 2013, the Company issued 4,706 shares of common stock in exchange for interest payable on the debenture due on that date in the amount of \$40,000, or \$8.50 per share.

On December 31, 2012 the Company issued Stock Option Grant notices to nineteen employees and service providers under the 2008 Stock Option Plan, as amended. Options to purchase 76,000 shares of common stock at an average exercise price of \$15.00 per share were granted with a 5 year life, fully vesting on December 31, 2012.

In connection with the foregoing, we relied upon the exemption from registration provided by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, for transactions not involving a public offering.

**Item 16. Exhibits.**

**(a) Exhibits.**

A list of exhibits filed with this registration statement on Form S-1 is set forth on the Exhibit Index and is incorporated herein by reference.

**(b) Financial statement schedule.**

All schedules have been omitted because either they are not required, are not applicable or the information is otherwise set forth in the financial statements and related notes thereto.

**Item 17. Undertakings.**

1. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933.

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement.

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

Provided, however, that paragraphs (B)(1)(i) and (B)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3, Form S-8 or Form F-3, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

2. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

3. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered that remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

4. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

5. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for the purposes of determining liability to any purchaser:

If the registrant is subject to Rule 430C, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

6. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the undersigned registrant according to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the undersigned registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Beverly Hills, State of California, on December 14, 2015.

**Genius Brands  
International, Inc.**

By: */s/ Andrew Heyward*  
Andrew Heyward  
Its: CEO and Chairman

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Andrew Heyward his true and lawful attorney in fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments (including post effective amendments) to the Registration Statement, and to sign any registration statement for the same offering covered by this Registration Statement that is to be effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and all post effective amendments thereto, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, each acting alone, or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

*/s/ Andrew Heyward*  
Andrew Heyward  
Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)

December 14, 2015

*/s/ Michael D. Handelman*  
Michael D. Handelman

December 14, 2015

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

/s/ Amy Moynihan Heyward  
Amy Moynihan Heyward  
President and Director

December 14, 2015

Bernard Cahill  
Director

/s/ Joseph "Gray" Davis  
Joseph "Gray" Davis  
Director

December 14, 2015

/s/ P. Clark Hallren  
P. Clark Hallren  
Director

December 14, 2015

/s/ Anthony Thomopoulos  
Anthony Thomopoulos  
Director

December 14, 2015

Margaret Loesch  
Director

Lynne Segall  
Director

II-6



**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
3.1	Articles of Incorporation (Incorporated by reference from Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the SEC on May 4, 2011)
3.2	Bylaws (Incorporated by reference from Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the SEC on May 4, 2011)
3.3	Articles of Incorporation of Genius Brands International, Inc., a Nevada corporation (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Schedule 14C Information Statement, filed with the SEC on September 21, 2011)
3.4	Certificate of Correction to the Articles of Incorporation of Genius Brands International, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on December 12, 2011)
3.5	Articles of Merger, filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on October 21, 2011)
3.6	Articles of Merger, filed with the Secretary of State of the State of California (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on October 21, 2011)
3.7	Amendment to Bylaws dated November 15, 2013 (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 20, 2013)
3.8	Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 17, 2013)
3.9	Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 7, 2014)
3.10	Certificate of Designation of Preferences, Rights and Limitations of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 19, 2014)
3.11	Certificate of Designation of Series B Preferred Stock *
4.1	Form of Stock Certificate (Incorporated by reference from Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the SEC on May 4, 2011)
4.2	2008 Stock Option Plan (Incorporated by reference from Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the SEC on May 4, 2011)
4.3	First Amendment to 2008 Stock Option Plan (Incorporated by reference from Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the SEC on May 4, 2011)
4.4	Second Amendment to 2008 Stock Option Plan (Incorporated by reference from Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the SEC on May 4, 2011)
4.5	Form of Stock Option Grant Notice (Incorporated by reference from Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the SEC on May 4, 2011)
4.6	Form of Warrant (Incorporated by reference from Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the SEC on May 4, 2011)
4.7	Form of Placement Agent Warrant (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 19, 2014)
4.8	Form of October 2015 Warrant (incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 4, 2015)
5.1	Opinion of Sichenzia Ross Friedman FERENCE LLP *
10.1	Employment Agreement between Genius Brands International, Inc. and Klaus Moeller dated October 29, 2013 (Incorporated by reference from Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the SEC on October 31, 2013)

Edgar Filing: Genius Brands International, Inc. - Form S-1

- 10.2 Agreement and Plan of Reorganization between Genius Brands International, Inc., A Squared Entertainment LLC, A Squared Holdings LLC and A2E Acquisition LLC dated November 15, 2013 (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 20, 2013)
- 10.3 Employment Agreement between Genius Brands International, Inc. and Klaus Moeller dated on October 29, 2013 (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 31, 2013)
- 10.4 Registration Rights Agreement dated November 15, 2013 between Genius Brands International, Inc. and A Squared Holdings LLC (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 20, 2013)
- 10.5 Form of Subscription Agreement (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 20, 2013)

II-7

- 10.6 Form of Registration Rights Agreement between Genius Brands International, Inc. and the Investors signatory thereto (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 20, 2013)
- 10.7 Employment Agreement dated November 15, 2013 between Genius Brands International, Inc. and Andrew Heyward (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 20, 2013)
- 10.8 Employment Agreement dated November 15, 2013 between Genius Brands International, Inc. and Amy Moynihan Heyward (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 20, 2013)
- 10.9 Termination Agreement dated November 15, 2013 between Genius Brands International, Inc. and Klaus Moeller (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 20, 2013)
- 10.10 Engagement Letter dated November 15, 2013 between Genius Brands International, Inc. and ROAR LLC (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 20, 2013)
- 10.11 Form of Securities Purchase Agreement (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 19, 2014)
- 10.12 Form of Registration Rights Agreement (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 19, 2014)
- 10.13 Memorandum Regarding Services of Michael Handelman, effective November 1, 2015, between Genius Brands International, Inc. and Michael Handelman (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 23, 2015)
- 10.14 Form of Securities Purchase Agreement (incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 4, 2015)
- 10.15 Form of Registration Rights Agreement (incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 4, 2015)
- 21.1 List of Subsidiaries (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 31, 2015)
- 23.1 Consent of HJ Associates & Consultants, LLP \*
- 23.2 Consent of Sichenzia Ross Friedman Ference LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1) \*
- 101.INS XBRL Instance Document \*
- 101.SCH XBRL Schema Document \*
- 101.CAL XBRL Calculation Linkbase Document \*
- 101.DEF XBRL Definition Linkbase Document \*
- 101.LAB XBRL Label Linkbase Document \*
- 101.PRE XBRL Presentation Linkbase Document \*

\* Filed herewith.