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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ramanathan Guru	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GNC HOLDINGS, INC. [GNC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) GNC HOLDINGS, INC., 300 SIXTH AVENUE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/13/2012	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below)			
(Street) PITTSBURGH, PA 15222	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	SVP, Chief Innovation Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	or Beneficially	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) action Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 ("Common	03/13/2012		Code V	Amount 14,032	or (D)	Price \$ 7.5	(Instr. 3 and 4) 33,186	D	
Stock") Common Stock	03/13/2012		M	38,588	A	\$ 7.5	71,774	D	
Common Stock	03/13/2012		S	52,620 (1)	D	\$ 34.0468	19,154	D	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	rivative Expiration Date curities (Month/Day/Year) quired (A) Disposed of str. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.5	03/13/2012		M	14,032	(3)	03/15/2017	Common Stock	14,032 (3)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.5	03/13/2012		M	38,588	<u>(4)</u>	05/04/2017	Common Stock	38,588 (<u>4)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ramanathan Guru GNC HOLDINGS, INC. 300 SIXTH AVENUE PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

SVP, Chief Innovation Officer

Signatures

/s/ Gavin O'Connor, by power of attorney 03/14/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These shares (the "10b5-1 Plan Shares") were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by Mr. Ramanathan on December 14, 2011.

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- The 10b5-1 Plan Shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$34.00 to \$34.17, inclusive, and the price reported reflects the weighted average price at which the 10b5-1 Plan Shares were sold. Mr. Ramanathan undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the staff of the Securities Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth above.
- (3) Option granted on March 16, 2007. This option, representing a right to purchase 17,540 shares of Common Stock, vests in five equal installments on March 16, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (4) Option granted on May 4, 2007. This option, representing a right to purchase 48,235 shares of Common Stock, vests in five equal installments on May 4, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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