

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **December 8, 2020**

GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-37950
(Commission File Number)

20-4118216
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

190 N. Canon Drive, 4th Fl.
Beverly Hills, CA
(Address of principal executive offices)

90210
(Zip Code)

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

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

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

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	GNUS	The Nasdaq Capital Market

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

Emerging growth company

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

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On December 8, 2020, Genius Brands International, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its partnership with LG Electronics USA to expand availability of the Company's Kartoon Channel! programming. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

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

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

The exhibit listed in the following Exhibit Index is filed as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	<u>Press Release of Genius Brands International, Inc., dated December 8, 2020.</u>

SIGNATURES

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

GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Date: December 8, 2020

By: /s/ Andy Heyward
Name: Andy Heyward
Title: Chief Executive Officer



GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL INKS DEAL WITH LG ELECTRONICS USA TO OFFER KARTOON CHANNEL! APP ACROSS LG SMART TVS, FURTHER EXPANDING THE REACH OF THE PREMIERE CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION

Kartoon Channel! and Cartoon Classroom! Now Reaches Nearly 100% of All U.S. Television Households and Available on Over 300 Million Devices

Beverly Hills CA, DECEMBER 8, 2020 –**Genius Brands International** (“Genius Brands” (NASDAQ: GNUS)) continues the rapid expansion of its premiere children’s entertainment destination, **Kartoon Channel!**, partnering with its second television manufacturer, LG Electronics USA, to offer Kartoon Channel! for free across all LG Smart TVs, effective immediately. The deal with LG Electronics USA follows the recent partnership with Samsung, which has made Kartoon Channel! available across all Samsung Smart TVs.

“Serving up Kartoon Channel! to kids and parents through new technology-enabled mediums is an important part of our strategy,” commented **Jon Ollwerther, General Manager of Kartoon Channel! & EVP of Global Business Development at Genius Brands**. “We look forward to announcing a number of similar agreements over the next twelve months. Through this strategy, we are capitalizing on the evolution in viewer habits, which we believe will position us at the forefront of this rapidly evolving market. As the second largest player in the US TV market, LG is a very important platform for Kartoon Channel! viewers that we’re thrilled to add to our distribution.”

About Kartoon Channel! + Cartoon Classroom!

Kartoon Channel! and Cartoon Classroom! are available in over 100 million U.S. television households and over 300 million devices via a broad range of distribution platforms, including Comcast, Cox, DISH, Sling TV, Amazon Prime, Amazon Fire, Apple TV, Apple iOS, Android TV, Android Mobile, Google Play, Xumo, Roku, Tubi, and streaming via KartoonChannel.com, as well as accessible via Samsung Smart TVs, and now LGTVs.

The channel offers access to a wide variety of Genius Brands original and acquired family-friendly content, with more added daily, including *Babar*, *Angry Birds*, *Stan Lee’s Mighty7*, *Thomas Edison’s Secret Lab*, *Baby Einstein*, *Baby Genius*, *Llama Llama* shorts, *Warren Buffett’s Secret Millionaires Club*, and more. Additionally, Genius Brands has added more family-friendly gaming content, including *Minecraft’s Journey to the End* and *Fairy Horse Quest*, *Octodad*, *PixArk*, and *Big B Roblox Challenge* from Tankee. Genius Brands will also premiere on Kartoon Channel! the upcoming comedy-adventure series, *Stan Lee’s Superhero Kindergarten*, currently in production and starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, in Q2 2021.

Kartoon Channel! content has been curated through a program code developed in consultation with Stanford University Professor Emeritus Don Roberts, one of the world’s leading researchers of children’s media, to ensure the delivery of positive and purposeful content that is safe for children. The Kartoon Channel! Content Code, under the leadership of Professor Roberts, ensures among other things, there will be no imitable violence, no negative stereotypes, no inappropriate language, no degradation of the environment, and no excess commercialization.

Kartoon Classroom! is an innovative extension of Kartoon Channel! that features relevant and impactful STEAM-based content (science, technology, engineering arts and math), including programming from Genius Brands’ ‘content with a purpose’ library such as *Baby Genius* (Early Development), *Thomas Edison’s Secret Lab* (STEM), and *Warren Buffett’s Secret Millionaires Club* (Financial Literacy). Additionally, Cartoon Classroom! will showcase content from third party creators worldwide, such as *Baby Einstein* (Early Development), *Little Smart Planet* (Early Learning), *I’m A Dinosaur* (Paleontology), *Super Geek Heroes* (Early Learning), *Counting with Earl* (Math), *Gilgilis* (Musical Learning), and *Out of this Word* (English Language). Genius Brands will also develop new original content for the platform and announces the first Cartoon Classroom! original series in development, *KC! Pop Quiz*.

To stream Kartoon Channel! and Cartoon Classroom! for free, download our app or visit: www.kartoonchannel.com

About Genius Brands International

Genius Brands International, Inc. (Nasdaq: GNUS) is a leading global kids media company developing, producing, marketing and licensing branded children’s entertainment properties and consumer products for media and retail distribution. The Company’s award-winning ‘content with a purpose’ portfolio includes the upcoming *Stan Lee’s Superhero Kindergarten*, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and in partnership with Alibaba; *Shaq’s Garage*, starring Shaquille O’Neal; *Rainbow Rangers* for Nick Jr.; *Llama Llama*, starring Jennifer Garner, for Netflix; award-winning toddler brand *Baby Genius*; adventure comedy STEM series *Thomas Edison’s Secret Lab*; and entrepreneurship series *Warren Buffett’s Secret Millionaires Club*. Through licensing agreements with leading partners, characters from Genius Brands’ IP also appear on a wide range of consumer products for the worldwide retail marketplace. The Company’s new Kartoon Channel! and Cartoon Classroom! are available in over 100 million U.S. television households via a broad range of distribution platforms, including Comcast, Cox, DISH, Sling TV, Amazon Prime, Amazon Fire, Apple TV, Apple iOS, Android TV, Android Mobil, Google Play, Xumo, Roku, Tubi, KartoonChannel.com, Samsung Smart TVs and LG TVs. For additional information, please visit www.gnusbrands.com.

About LG Electronics USA

LG Electronics USA, Inc., based in Englewood Cliffs, N.J., is the North American subsidiary of LG Electronics, Inc., a \$53 billion global innovator in technology and manufacturing. In the United States, LG’s focus on Innovation for a Better Life is exemplified by a wide range of innovative home appliances, home entertainment products, mobile phones, commercial displays, air conditioning systems, solar energy solutions and vehicle components. The “Life’s Good” marketing theme encompasses how LG is dedicated to people’s happiness by exceeding expectations today and tomorrow. LG is a 2020 ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year-Sustained Excellence. www.LG.com.

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