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OMB APPROVAL UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Fortunato Joe Issuer Symbol GNC HOLDINGS, INC. [GNC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify GNC HOLDINGS, INC., 300 09/06/2012 below) below) SIXTH AVENUE President and CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting PITTSBURGH, PA 15222 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 7. Nature of 5. Amount of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Class A common stock, par 09/06/2012 D value M 50,000 A \$ 7.5 67,616 \$0.001 ("Common Stock") Common 50,000 09/06/2012 S D 40.5084 17.616 D Stock (2)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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	09/06/2012		M	50,000	(3)	03/15/2017	Common Stock	50,000 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Fortunato Joe

GNC HOLDINGS, INC.
300 SIXTH AVENUE

X President and CEO

PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

Signatures

/s/ Gavin O'Connor, by power of attorney 09/10/2012

**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. Fortunato on August 7, 2012.
- These 10b5-1 Plan Shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$40.50 to \$40.57, inclusive, and the price reported reflects the weighted average price at which the 10b5-1 Plan Shares were sold. Mr. Fortunato 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 1,262,877 shares of Common Stock, vested in four equal installments on March 16, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

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