

Locke Michael  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Locke Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GNC HOLDINGS, INC., 300 SIXTH AVENUE

(Street)

PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GNC HOLDINGS, INC. [GNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/24/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

SVP of Manufacturing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 ("Common Stock")	01/24/2012		M		64,126	A	\$ 5 110,894
Common Stock	01/24/2012		M		80,042	A	\$ 7.5 190,936
Common Stock	01/24/2012		S		144,168 (1)	D	\$ 28.858 (2) 46,768

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5	01/24/2012		M	64,126	<u>(3)</u> 03/15/2017	Common Stock	64,126 <u>(3)</u>
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.5	01/24/2012		M	80,042	<u>(3)</u> 03/15/2017	Common Stock	80,042 <u>(3)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Locke Michael GNC HOLDINGS, INC. 300 SIXTH AVENUE PITTSBURGH, PA 15222			SVP of Manufacturing	

## Signatures

/s/ Gavin O'Connor, by power of attorney  
01/25/2012  
\*\*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. Locke on December 16, 2011.

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- The 10b5-1 Plan Shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$28.45 to \$29.18, inclusive, and the price reported reflects the weighted average price at which the 10b5-1 Plan Shares were sold. Mr. Locke 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.
- (2)
  - (3) Option granted on March 16, 2007. This option, representing a right to purchase 135,387 shares of Common Stock, vests in five equal installments on March 16, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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