#### GNC ACQUISITION HOLDINGS INC.

Form 3

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### FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement GNC ACQUISITION HOLDINGS INC. [GNC] KAPLAN BETH J (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) GNC HOLDINGS, INC., 300 (Check all applicable) SIXTH AVENUE (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner \_X\_ Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting President and CMMO Person PITTSBURGH, Â PAÂ 15222 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 By Axcel Partners III, LLC 318,693 (1) I ("Common Stock") ("Axcel Partners") (1) Series A preferred stock, par value \$0.001 128,861 (1) Ι By Axcel Partners (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

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Derivative Security

3. Title and Amount of 4.

Securities Underlying Conversion or Exercise

Form of (Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy) (2)	(2)	01/02/2018	Common Stock	875,000 (2)	\$ 6.93	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	(3)	01/02/2018	Common Stock	875,000 (3)	\$ 10.39	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
KAPLAN BETH J GNC HOLDINGS, INC. 300 SIXTH AVENUE PITTSBURGH, PA 15222	ÂΧ	Â	President and CMMO	Â		

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Gerald J. Stubenhofer, Jr., by power of attorney

03/31/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Ms. Kaplan is a member of Axcel Managers LLC, the managing member of Axcel Partners, and of SK Limited Partnership, a member of Axcel Partners. Ms. Kaplan disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein, and this Form 3 shall not be deemed an admission that Ms. Kaplan is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purposes.
- Ms. Kaplan was granted an option to purchase 875,000 shares of Common Stock at the grant price of \$6.93 per share on January 2, 2008, of which 612,500 shares are currently vested and exercisable, with the remaining 262,500 shares vesting on January 2, 2012.
- (3) Ms. Kaplan was granted an option to purchase 875,000 shares of Common Stock at the grant price of \$10.39 per share on January 2, 2008, of which 612,500 shares are currently vested and exercisable, with the remaining 262,500 shares vesting on January 2, 2012.

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#### **Remarks:**

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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