EMMETT RICHARD J
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
EMMETT RICHARD J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC., 130 ROYALL STREET

(Street)

CANTON, MA 02021

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. [DNKN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/16/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior VP and Gen. Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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			
Common Stock	08/16/2012		M		7,500	A	$ 3.02	7,500	D	
Common Stock	08/16/2012		S		7,500	D	$ 31	0	D	
Common Stock	08/17/2012		M		10,000	A	$ 3.02	10,000	D	
Common Stock	08/17/2012		S		10,000	D	$ 30.99 (1)	0	D	

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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to purchase Common Stock	$ 3.02	08/16/2012		D			7,500	(2)	02/23/2020	Common Stock	7,500
Option to purchase Common Stock	$ 3.02	08/17/2012		D			10,000	(2)	02/23/2020	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EMMETT RICHARD J C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. 130 ROYALL STREET CANTON, MA 02021			Senior VP and Gen. Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ Richard J. Emmett	08/16/2012
**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)

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from $30.81 to $31.05, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc., any security holder of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc., 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 in footnote (1) to this Form 4.

(2) On 02/23/2010, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 114,929 shares of Common Stock. The option vests based upon time (five equal annual installments that began on 2/23/2011) and performance (investment returns to investment funds affiliated with Bain Capital Partners, LLC, The Carlyle Group and Thomas H. Lee Partners, L.P. (collectively, the "Sponsors")) criteria. In total, as of the date hereof, the performance criteria has been met with respect to all of the shares of common stock subject to this option award (a portion of which has been exercised prior to the date hereof), with 28,471 of such shares still subject to issuance upon exercise having vested and become exercisable and the remaining 68,958 of such shares eligible to vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 2/23/2013.

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