

EMMETT RICHARD J  
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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

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

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

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

CANTON, MA 02021

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	08/16/2012		M		7,500	A	\$ 3.02 7,500
Common Stock	08/16/2012		S		7,500	D	\$ 31 0
Common Stock	08/17/2012		M		10,000	A	\$ 3.02 10,000
Common Stock	08/17/2012		S		10,000	D	\$ 30.99 0

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to purchase Common Stock	\$ 3.02	08/16/2012		D	7,500	<u>(2)</u> 02/23/2020	Common Stock	7,500
Option to purchase Common Stock	\$ 3.02	08/17/2012		D	10,000	<u>(2)</u> 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).

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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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