

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/09/2011

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

CANTON, MA 02021

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

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3)             | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (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                                  | 12/09/2011           | A               |   | 2,344            |                  | (1)(2)           | 02/23/2020      | Common Stock | 2,344                      |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Richard J. Emmett 12/13/2011

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) 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 02/23/2011) 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.
- (2) As a result of the sale of shares by the Sponsors, the performance criteria was met with respect to 2,344 shares of common stock subject to this option award, resulting in vesting of the option as to 468 shares and an additional 1,876 shares that are eligible to vest in four equal annual installments beginning on 02/23/2012. In total, following this event, the performance criteria has been met with respect to an aggregate of 32,801 shares of common stock subject to this option award, with 6,560 of such shares vested and the remaining 26,241 of such shares eligible to vest in four equal annual installments beginning on 02/23/2012.

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