

CARBONE PAUL C
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FORM 4

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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 *
CARBONE PAUL C

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)
08/15/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
Chief Financial Officer

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	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of 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	08/15/2012	A		19,363		<u>(1)(2)</u>	02/23/2020	Common Stock	19,363
Option to purchase Common Stock	\$ 7.31	08/15/2012	A		4,841		<u>(3)</u>	03/09/2021	Common Stock	4,841

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CARBONE PAUL C
 C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.
 130 ROYALL STREET
 CANTON, MA 02021

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Richard Emmett, as attorney-in-fact for Paul C. Carbone

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) On 02/23/2010, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 49,036 shares of Common Stock. The option vests based upon time (five equal annual installments that began on 02/23/2010) 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 on 08/15/2012, the performance criteria was met with respect to 19,363 shares of common stock subject to this option award, resulting in vesting of the option as to 11,620 shares and an additional 7,743 shares that are eligible to vest in two equal annual installments beginning on 02/23/2013. In total, following this event, the performance criteria has been met with respect to all of the shares of common stock subject to this option award, with 29,421 of such shares vested and the remaining 19,615 of such shares eligible to vest in two equal annual installments beginning on 02/23/2013.

(3) On 03/09/2011, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 12,259 shares of Common Stock. The option vests based upon time (five equal annual installments that began on 03/09/2012) and performance (investment returns to investment funds affiliated with the Sponsors) criteria. As a result of the sale of shares by the Sponsors on 08/15/2012, the performance criteria was met with respect to 4,841 shares of common stock subject to this option award resulting in vesting of the option as to 967 shares and an additional 3,874 shares that are eligible to vest in four equal annual installments beginning on 03/09/2013. In total, following this event, the performance criteria has been met with respect to all of the shares of common stock subject to this option award, with 2,450 of such shares vested and

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the remaining 9,809 of such shares eligible to vest in four equal annual installments beginning on 03/09/2013.

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