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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 *
Dawson John

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)
03/09/2011

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Chief Development Officer

BOSTON, MA 02021

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 or Price		
Common Stock	03/09/2011		A		13,768 (1)	A	\$ 7.31 92,953 D
Common Stock	07/26/2011		J(2)		56,356	A	\$ 17.53 149,309 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Bain Capital Partners, LLC, The Carlyle Group and Thomas H. Lee Partners, L.P. (collectively, the "Sponsors") criteria. As a result of the sale of shares by the Sponsors in the Issuer's initial public offering, the performance criteria was met with respect to 440 shares of common stock subject to this option award, resulting in vesting of the option as to 88 shares and an additional 352 shares that will vest in four annual installments beginning on 02/23/2012.

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