

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.
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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 *
 TC Group IV, L.P.

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 THE CARLYLE GROUP, 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/15/2012

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

(Street)
 WASHINGTON, DC 20004

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 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value | 08/15/2012 | | S | (A) 7,242,614 (1) | D \$ 30 5,000,000 | I | See footnotes (3) (4) |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value | 08/15/2012 | | S | (A) 5,000,000 (2) | D \$ 30 0 | I | See footnotes (3) (4) |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TC Group IV, L.P. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004 | | X | | |
| Carlyle Group Management L.L.C. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004 | | X | | |
| Carlyle Group L.P. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004 | | X | | |
| Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004 | | X | | |
| Carlyle Holdings II L.P. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004 | | X | | |

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| TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P. C/O WALKER CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED WALKER HOUSE, 87 MARY STREET GEORGE TOWN, GRAND CAYMAN KY1-9001 | X |
| TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings Sub L.P. C/O WALKER CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED WALKER HOUSE, 87 MARY STREET GEORGE TOWN, GRAND CAYMAN KY1-9001 | X |
| TC Group IV, L.L.C. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004 | X |
| Carlyle Partners IV L P C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004 | X |
| CP IV Coinvestment, L.P. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004 | X |

Signatures

/s/ Jeremy W. Anderson, attorney-in-fact for Daniel A. D?Aniello 08/17/2012

__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) Represent shares of Common Stock sold in an underwritten secondary offering (the "Offering").
- (2) Represent shares of Common Stock repurchased (the "Repurchase") by Dunkin Brands Group, Inc.
- On August 15, 2012, Carlyle Partners IV, L.P. and CP IV Coinvestment, L.P. (collectively, the "Carlyle Funds") sold 6,957,735 and
- (3) 284,879 shares of Common Stock, respectively, in the Offering and 4,803,333 and 196,667 shares of Common Stock, respectively, in the Repurchase. Following such sales, the Carlyle Funds held zero shares of Common Stock.
- Carlyle Group Management L.L.C. is the general partner of The Carlyle Group L.P., which is a publicly traded entity listed on NASDAQ. The Carlyle Group L.P. is the managing member of Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C., which is the general partner of Carlyle Holdings II L.P., which is the general partner of TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P., which is the general partner of TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings Sub L.P., which is the managing member of TC Group IV, L.L.C., which is the general partner of TC Group IV, L.P., which is the general partner of each of the Carlyle Funds. Accordingly, each of Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C., Carlyle Holdings II L.P., TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings Sub L.P., TC Group IV, L.L.C. and TC Group IV, L.P. may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of the common stock owned of record by each of the Carlyle Funds.

Remarks:

Exhibit List:

Exhibit 24 - Confirming Statement
Exhibit 99 - Joint Filer Information

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