DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| [DNKN] | (Check all applicable) | | |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify | | |
| 02/28/2014 | below) below) President, Glob.Mkt & Innovat. | | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | |
| | Person | | |
| | Symbol DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. [DNKN] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2014 4. If Amendment, Date Original | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2014 | | A | 27,096 (1) | A | \$0 | 59,549 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2014 | | M | 783 | A | \$ 3.02 | 60,332 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2014 | | M | 1,217 | A | \$ 37.26 | 61,549 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2014 | | S(2) | 2,000 | D | \$ 51.12 | 59,549 | D | |

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 Derivati Security (Instr. 3) | ve Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | actionDerivative Expiration Date Securities Acquired (Month/Day/Year) | | | | rative Expiration Date rities Acquired (Month/Day/Year) r Disposed of | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securiti |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou Numb Share | | |
| Option purcha Comm | se \$ 51.67 | 02/28/2014 | | A | 101,318 | | (3) | 02/28/2021 | Common Stock | 101, | | |
| Option purcha Comm Stock | se \$ 3.02 | 03/03/2014 | | M | | 783 | <u>(4)</u> | 02/23/2020 | Common Stock | 78 | | |
| Option purcha Comm | se \$ 37.26 | 03/03/2014 | | M | | 1,217 | <u>(5)</u> | 02/12/2023 | Common Stock | 1,2 | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| COSTELLO JOHN H C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. 130 ROYALL STREET CANTON, MA 02021 | | | President, Glob.Mkt & Innovat. | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Richard Emmett, as attorney-in-fact for John H. Costello

03/04/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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On 2/28/2014, the reporting person was granted a restricted stock award of 27,096 shares of common stock. The award vests based on time criteria (full vesting on 7/31/2016 subject to continued employment by the reporting person on the vesting date).

- (2) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10B5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on 4/26/2013.
- (3) On 2/28/2014, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 101,318 shares of common stock. The option vests based upon time criteria (four equal annual installments that begin on 2/28/2015).
- (4) On 02/23/2010, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 65,674 shares of Common Stock. The option vests based upon time (five equal installments that began on 02/23/2011).
- (5) On 2/12/2013, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 76,000 shares of common stock. The option vests based upon time criteria (four equal annual installments that began on 2/12/2014).

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