

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.
 Form 4
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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 *
 TRAVIS NIGEL

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/01/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 CEO & President

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

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

CANTON, MA 02021

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2012 | | M | | 20,000 | A | \$ 3.02 94,377 D |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 20,000 | D | \$ 29.25 74,377 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 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option to purchase common stock | \$ 3.02 | 03/01/2012 | | M | 20,000 | ⁽³⁾ 02/23/2020 | Common Stock | 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TRAVIS NIGEL C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. 130 ROYALL STREET CANTON, MA 02021 | X | | CEO & President | |

Signatures

/s/ Richard Emmett, as attorney-in-fact for Nigel Travis
Date: 03/02/2012

__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) The sales reported on This Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on 11/4/2011. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$28.78 to \$29.45, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc., any security holder of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc., or the staff of the Securities Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote (2) to this Form 4.
- (2) On 2/23/2010, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 1,915,499 shares of Common Stock. The option vests based upon time (five equal annual installments that began on 2/23/2010) and performance (investment returns to investment funds affiliated with Bain Capital Partners, LLC, The Carlyle Group and Thomas H. Lee Partners, L.P.) criteria. As of the date of this filing, the performance criteria has been met with respect to an aggregate of 546,683 shares of Common Stock subject to this option award, with 328,048 of such shares vested and the remaining 218,635 of such shares eligible to vest in two equal annual installments beginning on 2/23/2013.

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