DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. [DNKN] A Carlyle Group Management (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2012 L.L.C. (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O THE CARLYLE (Check all applicable) GROUP. 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, _X_ 10% Owner Director SUITE 220S Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person WASHINGTON. DCÂ 20004 _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock 12,242,614 I See footnotes (1) (2) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible\ securities)$

1. Title of Derivative Security2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4)3. Title and Amount of Expiration Date4.5.6. Nature of Indirect OwnershipConversionConversionOwnershipBeneficial Ownership

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(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative	(Instr. 5)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Carlyle Group Management L.L.C. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004	Â	ÂΧ	Â	Â		
Carlyle Group L.P. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004	Â	ÂX	Â	Â		
Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004	Â	ÂΧ	Â	Â		
Carlyle Holdings II L.P. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004	Â	ÂX	Â	Â		
TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings Sub L.P. C/O WALKER CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED WALKER HOUSE, 87 MARY STREET GEORGE TOWN, GRAND CAYMANÂ KY1-9001	Â	ÂX	Â	Â		

Signatures

/s/ R. Rainey Hoffman, attorney-in-fact for Daniel A. D?Aniello,
Chairman

05/08/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Following an internal reorganization, the reporting persons, by reason of the relationships described below, may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of the shares reported herein and held of record by Carlyle Partners IV, L.P. and CP IV Coinvestment, L.P. (together, the "Record Holders"). Each of the reporting persons expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of any such securities, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) The indirect parent of the Record Holders is now TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings Sub L.P. The general partner of TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P. is TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P. The general partner of TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P. is Carlyle Holdings II L.P. The general partner of Carlyle Holdings II L.P. is Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C.

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The managing member of Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C. is The Carlyle Group L.P. The general partner of The Carlyle Group L.P. is Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., which is managed by an eight person board of directors, with all board action relating to the voting or disposition of these shares requiring approval of a majority of the board. All members of the board of directors expressly disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares reported herein.

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Remarks:

Exhibit List:

Exhibit 24 - Confirming Statement Exhibit 99 - Joint Filer Information

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