DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

Form 4

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### FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading COSTELLO JOHN H Issuer Symbol DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. (Check all applicable) [DNKN] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, 02/24/2014 President, Glob.Mkt & Innovat. INC., 130 ROYALL STREET (Street) 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 **CANTON, MA 02021** (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Reneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acqu Transaction(A) or Disposed o			of (D)	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially Owned	Form: Direct (D) or	Beneficial Ownership
		(Wolldin Day Tear)	(Ilisti. 6)				Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/24/2014		M		A		75,453	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2014		S	43,000	D	\$ 50.38 (1)	32,453	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 3.02	02/24/2014		M	12,352	(2)	02/23/2020	Common Stock	12,352
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 3.02	02/24/2014		M	30,648	<u>(3)</u>	02/23/2020	Common Stock	30,648

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting of the real of the control	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

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

02/26/2014

## **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).
- The price reported In Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$50.00 to \$50.64, 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 and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in Footnote (1) to this Form 4.
- (2) 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).
- On 02/23/2010, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 153,239 shares of Common Stock. The option vests based upon time (five equal annual installments that began on 2/23/2011) and performance (investment returns to investment funds affiliated with Bain Capital Partners, LLC, The Carlyle Goup and Thomas H. Lee Partners, L.P. (collectively, the "Sponsors")) criteria.

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