BALSON ANDREW

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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 **BALSON ANDREW** Issuer Symbol DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. [DNKN]

(Month/Day/Year)

11/16/2011

(Check all applicable)

_X__ 10% Owner __ Other (specify

C/O BAIN CAPITAL INVESTORS. LLC, JOHN HANCOCK TOWER

(First)

(Middle)

200 CLARENDON STREET

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

_X__ Director

Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

BOSTON, MA 02116

| (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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value | 11/16/2011 | | <u>J(4)</u> | 890,688 (4) | D | \$ 0 (4) | 29,091,875 | I | See footnotes (1) (2) (3) (4) |
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value | 11/16/2011 | | J <u>(4)</u> | 50,442 (<u>4)</u> | A | \$ 0 (4) | 50,442 | D | |
| Common Stock, | 11/16/2011 | | G(4) | 50,442 (4) | D | \$ 0 (4) | 0 | D | |

\$0.001 par value

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | 4. Transactio | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | ate | 7. Title | nt of | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative Securities | | | Securit | and 4) | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | (mstr. | 3 and 4) | | Owne Follo |
| | Security | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | D. | г | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Date Expiration Exercisable Date | Title Number | | | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| BALSON ANDREW C/O BAIN CAPITAL INVESTORS, LLC JOHN HANCOCK TOWER 200 CLARENDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02116 | X | X | | | | |

Signatures

By:/s/ Andrew 11/18/2011 Balson Date **Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Mr. Andrew Balson is a Managing Director of Bain Capital Investors, LLC ("BCI"), which is the administrative member of Bain Capital Integral Investors 2006, LLC ("BC Integral"). As a result, Mr. Balson may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares of Common Stock held by BC Integral. Mr. Balson disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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- BCI is the administrative member of BCIP TCV, LLC ("BCIP TCV"). As a result, Mr. Balson may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares of Common Stock held by BCIP TCV. Mr. Balson disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- BCI is the managing general partner BCIP Associates-G ("BCIP G", and together with BCI, BC Integral and BCIP TCV the "Bain (3) Entities"). As a result, Mr. Balson may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares of Common Stock held by BCIP G. Mr. Balson disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- On November 16, 2010, BC Integral distributed 890,688 shares of Common Stock to certain of its members in connection with charitable (4) gifts made by certain members or partners of such members or their direct or indirect owners on November 16, 2011, including 50,442 shares of Common Stock distributed to Mr. Balson, all of which were gifted by Mr. Balson to charity on November 16, 2011.

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