DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

Form 4

February 25, 2016

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

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

VARUGHESE JOHN

CANTON, MA 02021

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

[DNKN]

(Month/Day/Year)

02/23/2016

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(State)

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

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities 3. TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported (A)

or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Owned

5. Amount of

Securities

Beneficially

Issuer

below)

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

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 Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

VP, International

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

(I)

(Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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(9-02)

Indirect

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Estimated average

burden hours per

1

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	`		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 44.35	02/23/2016		A	23,907		<u>(1)</u>	02/23/2023	Common Stock	23,907

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsinps						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

VARUGHESE JOHN

C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. VP,

130 ROYALL STREET International

CANTON, MA 02021

Signatures

/s/ Ryan Schaffer, as attorney-in-fact for John Varughese 02/25/2016

**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) On 2/23/2016 the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 23,907 shares of common stock. The option vests based upon time criteria (four equal annual installments that begin on 2/23/2017).

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