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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sparks Carl

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

Symbol

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

(Check all applicable)

[DNKN]

(Month/Day/Year)

09/06/2017

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

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

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

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

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

CANTON, MA 02021

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

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

(A)

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of 5. 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber **Expiration Date** Underlying Securities Derivative Conversion

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Ye	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,			(Instr. 3 and	1)	Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	09/06/2017		A	36	<u>(1)</u>	(1)	Common Stock	36	\$ 52.26

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Sparks Carl C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. 130 ROYALL STREET CANTON, MA 02021

X

Signatures

/s/ Ryan Schaffer, as Attorney-in-Fact for Carl Sparks

09/08/2017

**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).

The deferred stock units are issued under the Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). Under the Plan, directors' fees may be deferred by the reporting person and such deferred fees are accounted for as if invested in Dunkin' Brands

(1) Group, Inc. common stock. Each deferred stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. common stock. The deferred stock units become payable, in cash or common stock in the discretion of the Plan administrator, upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director.

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