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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 25, 2012

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-35258 **(Commission File Number)**	**20-4145825** **(IRS Employer Identification Number)**

130 Royall Street
Canton, Massachusetts 02021
(Address of registrant's principal executive office)

(781) 737-3000
(Registrant's telephone number)

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On June 25, 2012, Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that, on June 22, 2012, the Superior Court in the Province of Quebec, District of Montreal, issued its decision in the case of *Bertico, Inc., 3024032 Canada, Inc; 3155412 Canada, Inc; 3176941 Canada, Inc; 3481191 Canada, Inc; 2857-8664 Quebec, Inc; 3089-8001 Quebec, Inc; 9067 0308 Quebec, Inc; Jacques Doyon and Monic Huard; Les Entreprises Doyon et Huard Inc; Les Entreprises Lucien Stephens, Inc; 3089-8639 Quebec, Inc; Les Entreprises Pierre Maclure Limited; Les Patisseries Al.Ma.So. Inc; 9116-5399 Quebec, Inc; 3089-3309 Quebec, Inc; 3092-5077 Quebec, Inc; 9009-6694 Quebec, Inc; 9064-0947 Quebec, Inc. v. Dunkin' Donuts (Canada) Limited; and Allied Domecq Retailing International, (Canada) Limited* , originally filed on May 20, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this report, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in any such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. dated June 25, 2012.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Nigel Travis
Nigel Travis
Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 25, 2012

Exhibit 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DUNKIN' BRANDS TO INCREASE LEGAL RESERVE IN 2ND QUARTER RELATED TO COURT DECISION IN CANADA

CANTON, Mass. (June 25, 2012) — Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: DNKN), the parent company of Dunkin' Donuts (DD) and Baskin-Robbins (BR), today announced it expects to increase its legal reserve in its current quarter in relation to the Quebec Superior Court's ruling in the Bertico litigation, as referenced in the Company's 8-K filing issued this morning.

The lawsuit was filed in 2003 by a group of Quebec Dunkin' Donuts franchisees against the company on a variety of claims, based on events which occurred 10 to 15 years ago. The Court found for the Plaintiffs and issued a judgment against Dunkin' Brands on Friday, June 22, 2012, in the amount of approximately $C16.4 million, plus costs and interest, representing loss in value of the franchises and lost profits. Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. had previously reserved $C4 million on its consolidated balance sheet to reflect the Company's estimate of the potential loss which could be incurred in connection with this matter.

Dunkin' Brands strongly disagrees with the decision reached by the Court and believes the damages awarded were unwarranted. Dunkin' Brands is proud of its efforts to support all of its franchisees in Quebec and around the world, and the Company intends to vigorously appeal the decision.

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About Dunkin' Brands

With more than 16,800 points of distribution in nearly 60 countries worldwide, Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: DNKN) is one of the world's leading franchisors of quick service restaurants (QSR) serving hot and cold coffee and baked goods, as well as hard-serve ice cream. At the end of 2011, Dunkin' Brands' nearly 100 percent franchised business model included more than 10,000 Dunkin' Donuts restaurants and more than 6,700 Baskin-Robbins restaurants. For the full-year 2011, the company had franchisee-reported sales of approximately $8.3 billion. Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. is headquartered in Canton, Mass.

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