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BRINKER INTERNATIONAL INC Form 8-K August 23, 2012

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): August 23, 2012

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-10275 75-1914582 (Commission File (State of Incorporation) (IRS Employment Identification No.) Number)

6820 LBJ Freeway

Dallas, Texas 75240

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 972-980-9917

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

In the Press Release, the Registrant announced that at the August 23, 2012 Board of Director's Meeting, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.20 per share on the common stock of the company. The dividend will be payable on September 27, 2012 to shareholders of record as of September 10, 2012.

Item 8.01. Other Events

Also, in the Press Release, the Registrant announced that the Board of Directors increased the Registrant's share repurchase authorization by \$500.0 million.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press Release, dated August 23, 2012.

SIGNATURE

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.

| | BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. | |
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| Date: August 23, 2012 | By: | /s/ Douglas H. Brooks |
| | | Douglas H. Brooks, Chairman of the Board |
| | | President and Chief Executive Officer |