

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HAWK E BLAKE</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1220 AUGUSTA</u> <u>SUITE 500</u> _____ (Street) <u>HOUSTON TX 77057</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [CCI]</u>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP & General Counsel</u>	
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/18/2009</u>			
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/18/2009		M		7,174 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$23.375	513,271	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/18/2009		S		7,174 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$37.9	506,097	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/18/2009		M		26,000 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$24.688	532,097	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/18/2009		S		26,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$37.9	506,097	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/18/2009		M		16,712 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$30.875	522,809	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/18/2009		S		16,712 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$37.9	506,097	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value								365 ⁽²⁾	I	By 401 (k) Plan

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock)	\$23.375	12/18/2009		M		7,174 ⁽¹⁾		(3)	12/20/2010	Common Stock	7,174	\$0	0	D	
Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock)	\$24.688	12/18/2009		M		26,000 ⁽¹⁾		(4)	02/22/2011	Common Stock	26,000	\$0	0	D	
Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock)	\$30.875	12/18/2009		M		16,712 ⁽¹⁾		(5)	11/15/2010	Common Stock	16,712	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The option exercises and sales reported pursuant to this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person.
- Represents shares previously acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- Vested one-third at the time of grant on December 20, 2000, with the remaining two-thirds vesting annually in an equal number over five years.
- Vested one-third per year over three years, with the first vesting on February 22, 2002.
- Vested one-third at the time of grant on November 15, 2000, with the remaining two-thirds vesting annually in an equal number over five years.

/s/ E. Blake Hawk

12/21/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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