

Crown Castle International Corp.
Third Quarter 2012 Earnings Conference Call
Non-GAAP and Other Reconciliations

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Certain of Crown Castle's financial releases and broadcast conference calls include presentations or discussions of Adjusted EBITDA, recurring cash flow ("RCF"), funds from operations ("FFO") and adjusted funds from operations ("AFFO"), which are non-GAAP financial measures. These non-GAAP financial measures are not intended as alternative measures of operating results or cash flow from operations (as determined in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP")). Each of the amounts included in the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA, RCF, FFO, and AFFO are computed in accordance with GAAP, with the exception of: (1) sustaining capital expenditures, which is not defined under GAAP and (2) our adjustment to the income tax provision in calculations of FFO and AFFO.

Our measures of Adjusted EBITDA, RCF, FFO and AFFO may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, including other companies in the tower sector or those reported by REITs. FFO and AFFO presented are not necessarily indicative of the operating results that would have been achieved had we converted to a REIT, nor are they necessarily indicative of future financial position or operating results. Our FFO and AFFO may not be comparable to those reported in accordance with National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, including as a result of our adjustment to the income tax provision to reflect our estimate of the cash taxes had we been a REIT.

Adjusted EBITDA, RCF, FFO and AFFO are presented as additional information because management believes these measures are useful indicators of the financial performance of our core businesses. In addition, Adjusted EBITDA is a measure of current financial performance used in our debt covenant calculations.

Adjusted EBITDA. Crown Castle defines Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) plus restructuring charges (credits), asset write-down charges, acquisition and integration costs, depreciation, amortization and accretion, amortization of prepaid lease purchase price adjustments, interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs, gains (losses) on retirement of long-term obligations, net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps, impairment of available-for-sale securities, interest income, other income (expense), benefit (provision) for income taxes, cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, income (loss) from discontinued operations and stock-based compensation expense.

Recurring cash flow. Crown Castle defines recurring cash flow to be Adjusted EBITDA, less interest expense and less sustaining capital expenditures.

Funds from operations. Crown Castle defines funds from operations as net income plus adjusted tax provision plus real estate depreciation, amortization and accretion.

Adjusted funds from operations. Crown Castle defines adjusted funds from operations as funds from operations before straight-line revenue, straight-line expense, stock-based compensation expense, non-real estate related depreciation, amortization and accretion, amortization of deferred financing costs, debt discounts and interest rate swaps, other (income) and expense, gain (loss) on retirement of long-term obligations, net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps, acquisition and integration costs, and asset-write down charges, less capital improvement capital expenditures and corporate capital expenditures.

Sustaining capital expenditures. Crown Castle defines sustaining capital expenditures as either (1) corporate related capital improvements, such as information technology equipment and office equipment or (2) capital improvements to towers sites for those that enable our customers' ongoing quiet enjoyment of the tower.

The tables set forth below reconcile these non-GAAP financial measures to comparable GAAP financial measures. The components in these tables may not sum to the total due to rounding.

Cautionary Language Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

The reconciliations set forth herein contain forward-looking information that are based on our management's current expectations as of the date of the third quarter 2012 earnings conference call. Such statements include, but are not limited to, plans, projections,

Outlook and estimates contained under the heading "Outlook Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to Comparable GAAP Financial Measures." Words such as "Outlook" and "Forecast" are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including but not limited to prevailing market conditions and factors. Should one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those expected. More information about potential risk factors which could affect our results is included in our filings with the SEC. Crown Castle assumes no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measure to Comparable GAAP Financial Measures:

Adjusted EBITDA for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 is computed as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended	
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
<i>(in millions)</i>		
Net income (loss)	\$ 43.2	\$ 51.4
Adjustments to increase (decrease) net income (loss):		
Asset write-down charges	1.6	3.1
Acquisition and integration costs	2.9	0.6
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	154.9	138.5
Amortization of prepaid lease purchase price adjustments	3.9	—
Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs	144.9	127.1
Gains (losses) on retirement of long-term obligations	—	—
Interest income	(0.3)	(0.2)
Other income (expense)	0.6	0.7
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	32.3	2.8
Stock-based compensation expense	16.2	8.3
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 400.2	\$ 332.4

Adjusted EBITDA for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 is computed as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended	
	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
<i>(in millions)</i>		
Net income (loss)	\$ 48.9	\$ 40.9
Adjustments to increase (decrease) net income (loss):		
Asset write-down charges	8.6	5.1
Acquisition and integration costs	1.6	1.0
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	139.0	137.3
Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs	127.3	125.9
Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	—	(5.9)
Interest income	(0.1)	(0.6)
Other income (expense)	0.1	(0.1)
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	0.6	(4.2)
Stock-based compensation expense	9.2	11.9
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 335.2	\$ 311.4

Adjusted EBITDA for the quarter ending December 31, 2012 and the years ending December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013 is forecasted as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Q4 2012 Outlook	Full Year 2012 Outlook	Full Year 2013 Outlook
Net income (loss)	\$15 to \$50	\$220 to \$264	\$71 to \$180
Adjustments to increase (decrease) net income (loss):			
Asset write-down charges	\$4 to \$6	\$12 to \$15	\$16 to \$26
Acquisition and integration costs	\$1 to \$2	\$14 to \$17	\$4 to \$6
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	\$153 to \$158	\$600 to \$605	\$610 to \$635
Amortization of prepaid lease purchase price adjustments	\$3 to \$5	\$14 to \$16	\$15 to \$17
Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs ^{(a)(b)(c)}	\$162 to \$167	\$590 to \$595	\$665 to \$675
Gains (losses) on retirement of long-term obligations	\$0 to \$0	\$15 to \$15	\$0 to \$0
Interest income	\$0 to \$0	\$(2) to \$(1)	\$(2) to \$(1)
Other income (expense)	\$0 to \$2	\$4 to \$6	\$0 to \$5
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	\$22 to \$33	\$(13) to \$0	\$86 to \$119
Stock-based compensation expense	\$8 to 10	\$43 to \$48	\$37 to \$42
Adjusted EBITDA	\$398 to \$403	\$1,536 to \$1,541	\$1,595 to \$1,610

- (a) Inclusive of approximately \$26 million, \$99 million and \$104 million, respectively, of non-cash expense.
(b) Approximately \$16 million, \$65 million and \$65 million, respectively, of the total non-cash expense relates to the amortization of interest rate swaps, all of which has been cash settled in prior periods.
(c) Inclusive of \$18 million, \$18 million, and \$86 million, respectively, of cash interest associated with the \$1.65 billion of 5.25% Senior Notes.

Adjusted EBITDA for the years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 is computed as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	For the Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
Net income (loss)	\$ 171.5	\$ (311.3)
Adjustments to increase (decrease) net income (loss):		
Asset write-down charges	22.3	13.7
Acquisition and integration costs	3.3	2.1
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	553.0	540.8
Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs	507.6	490.3
Gains (losses) on retirement of long-term obligations	—	138.4
Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	—	286.4
Interest income	(0.7)	(2.2)
Other income (expense)	5.6	0.6
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	8.3	(26.8)
Stock-based compensation expense	36.0	40.0
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 1,306.8	\$ 1,171.9

FFO and AFFO for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 are computed as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	For the Three Months Ended	
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
Net income	\$ 43.2	\$ 51.4
Adjusted tax provision ^(a)	28.7	1.9
Real estate related depreciation, amortization and accretion	149.5	133.2
FFO	\$ 221.3	\$ 186.5
Weighted average common shares outstanding — diluted	292.1	283.9
FFO per share	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.66
FFO (from above)	221.3	186.5
Straight-line revenue	(48.6)	(44.8)
Straight-line expense	13.1	9.0
Stock-based compensation expense	16.2	8.3
Non-real estate related depreciation, amortization and accretion	5.4	5.3
Amortization of deferred financing costs, debt discounts and interest rate swaps	24.9	25.7
Other (income) expense ^(b)	0.6	0.7
Acquisition and integration costs	2.9	0.6
Asset write-down charges	1.6	3.1
Capital improvement capital expenditures	(4.3)	(4.2)
Corporate capital expenditures	(3.2)	(2.3)
AFFO	\$ 229.9	\$ 188.1
Weighted average common shares outstanding — diluted	292.1	283.9
AFFO per share	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.66

(a) Adjusts the income tax provision to reflect our estimate of the cash taxes had we been a REIT, which predominately relates to foreign taxes paid. As a result, income tax expense (benefit) is lower by the amount of the adjustment.

(b) Primarily includes unrealized (gains) losses on foreign exchange.

FFO and AFFO for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 are computed as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	For the Three Months Ended	
	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
Net income	\$ 48.9	\$ 40.9
Adjusted tax provision ^(a)	(0.3)	(4.8)
Real estate related depreciation, amortization and accretion	133.7	131.8
FFO	\$ 182.4	\$ 167.8
Weighted average common shares outstanding — diluted	282.9	288.0
FFO per share	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.58
FFO (from above)	182.4	167.8
Straight-line revenue	(40.0)	(44.5)
Straight-line expense	9.5	10.3
Stock-based compensation expense	9.2	11.9
Non-real estate related depreciation, amortization and accretion	5.3	5.5
Amortization of deferred financing costs, debt discounts and interest rate swaps	25.7	25.7
Other (income) expense ^(b)	0.1	(0.1)
Acquisition and integration costs	1.6	1.0
Asset write-down charges	8.6	5.1
Net (gain) loss on interest rate swaps	—	(5.9)
Capital improvement capital expenditures	(5.3)	(6.0)
Corporate capital expenditures	(4.0)	(3.8)
AFFO	\$ 193.1	\$ 167.2
Weighted average common shares outstanding — diluted	282.9	288.0
AFFO per share	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.58

- (a) Adjusts the income tax provision to reflect our estimate of the cash taxes had we been a REIT, which predominately relates to foreign taxes paid. As a result, income tax expense (benefit) is lower by the amount of the adjustment.
- (b) Primarily includes unrealized (gains) losses on foreign exchange.

FFO and AFFO for the quarter ending December 31, 2012 and the years ending December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013 are forecasted as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Q4 2012 Outlook	Full Year 2012 Outlook	Full Year 2013 Outlook
Net income	\$15 to \$50	\$220 to \$264	\$71 to \$180
Adjusted tax provision ^(a)	\$20 to \$31	\$(19) to \$(6)	\$80 to \$113
Real estate related depreciation, amortization and accretion	\$146 to \$149	\$557 to \$560	\$577 to \$607
FFO	\$192 to \$231	\$797 to \$836	\$790 to \$830
FFO (from above)	\$192 to \$231	\$797 to \$836	\$790 to \$830
Straight-line revenue	\$(48) to \$(43)	\$(195) to \$(190)	\$(160) to \$(140)
Straight-line expense	\$11 to \$16	\$48 to \$53	\$41 to \$55
Stock-based compensation expense	\$8 to \$10	\$43 to \$48	\$37 to \$42
Non-real estate related depreciation, amortization and accretion	\$6 to \$8	\$22 to \$24	\$25 to \$30
Amortization of deferred financing costs, debt discounts and interest rate swaps	\$25 to \$27	\$98 to \$100	\$100 to \$115
Other (income) expense ^(b)	\$0 to \$2	\$2 to \$5	\$(2) to \$4
(Gains) losses on retirement of long-term obligations	\$0 to \$0	\$15 to \$15	\$0 to \$0
Acquisition and integration costs	\$1 to \$2	\$14 to \$17	\$4 to \$6
Asset write-down charges	\$4 to \$6	\$12 to \$15	\$16 to \$26
Capital improvement capital expenditures	\$(8) to \$(7)	\$(20) to \$(18)	\$(20) to \$(15)
Corporate capital expenditures	\$(7) to \$(6)	\$(15) to \$(13)	\$(15) to \$(10)
AFFO	\$208 to \$213	\$850 to \$855	\$878 to \$893

(a) Adjusts the income tax provision to reflect our estimate of the cash taxes had we been a REIT, which predominately relates to foreign taxes paid. As a result, income tax expense (benefit) is lower by the amount of the adjustment.

(b) Primarily includes unrealized (gains) losses on foreign exchange.

FFO and AFFO for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 are computed as follows:

	For the Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
(in millions, except per share amounts)		
Net income	\$ 171.5	\$ (311.3)
Adjusted tax provision ^(a)	5.0	(29.0)
Real estate related depreciation, amortization and accretion	531.9	522.5
FFO	\$ 708.3	\$ 182.2
Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted	285.9	286.8
FFO per share	\$ 2.48	\$ 0.63
FFO (from above)	708.3	182.2
Straight-line revenue	(178.5)	(150.3)
Straight-line expense	39.0	38.8
Stock-based compensation expense	36.0	40.0
Non-real estate related depreciation, amortization and accretion	21.1	18.3
Amortization of deferred financing costs, debt discounts and interest rate swaps	102.9	85.5
Other (income) expense ^{(b)(c)}	5.6 (c)	0.6
(Gains) losses on retirement of long-term obligations	—	138.4
Net (gain) loss on interest rate swaps	—	286.4
Acquisition and integration costs	3.3	2.1
Asset write-down charges	22.3	13.7
Capital improvement capital expenditures	(14.0)	(14.8)
Corporate capital expenditures	(9.4)	(9.5)
AFFO	\$ 736.7	\$ 631.2
Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted	285.9	286.8
AFFO per share	\$ 2.58	\$ 2.20

- (a) Adjust the income tax provision to reflect our estimate of the cash taxes had we been a REIT, which predominately relates to foreign taxes paid. As a result, income tax expense (benefit) is lower by the amount of the adjustment.
- (b) Primarily includes unrealized (gains) losses on foreign exchange, except as denotes with footnote (c).
- (c) Amount represents the impairment of available-for-sale securities of \$4 million for 2011.

Recurring cash flow and recurring cash flow per share for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 are computed as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended	
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
<i>(in millions, except per share amounts)</i>		
Adjusted EBITDA^(a)	\$ 400.2	\$ 332.4
Less: Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs	144.9	127.1
Less: Sustaining capital expenditures	7.4	6.4
Recurring cash flow	\$ 247.9	\$ 198.9
Weighted average common shares outstanding — diluted	292.1	283.9
Recurring cash flow per share	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.70

(a) As reconciled herein above.

Recurring cash flow for the quarter ending December 31, 2012 and the year ending December 31, 2012 is forecasted as follows:

	Q4 2012 Outlook	Full Year 2012
<i>(in millions)</i>		
Adjusted EBITDA^(a)	\$398 to \$403	\$1,536 to \$1,541
Less: Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs	\$162 to \$167	\$590 to \$595
Less: Sustaining capital expenditures	\$13 to \$15	\$33 to \$35
Recurring cash flow	\$220 to \$225	\$907 to \$917

(a) As reconciled herein above.

Other Calculations:**Debt to Adjusted EBITDA ratio for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 is computed as follows:**

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012
(dollars in millions)	
Total Debt (face value) at Quarter End	\$ 8,426.9
Less: Ending Cash and Cash Equivalents	118.9
Net Debt at Quarter End	\$ 8,308.0
Quarterly Adjusted EBITDA	400.2
Annualized Quarterly Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 1,600.7
Net Debt / Annualized Quarterly Adjusted EBITDA	<u>5.2X</u>

Cash interest coverage ratio for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 is computed as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012
(dollars in millions)	
Interest Expense and Amortization of Deferred Financing Costs	\$ 144.9
Amortization of Deferred Financing Cost and Non-Cash Interest Expense	(25.5)
Cash Interest at Quarter End	<u>\$ 119.5</u>
Quarterly Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 400.2
Quarterly Adjusted EBITDA / Cash Interest Expense	<u>3.3X</u>

The components of interest expense and amortization deferred financing costs for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 are computed as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended	
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
(in millions)		
Interest expense on debt obligations	\$ 119.5	\$ 101.4
Amortization of deferred financing costs	5.3	3.8
Amortization of adjustments on long-term debt	4.4	4.1
Amortization of interest rate swaps	16.3	18.0
Other, net	(0.6)	(0.1)
Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs	<u>\$ 144.9</u>	<u>\$ 127.1</u>

The components of interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs for the quarter ending December 31, 2012 and the years ending December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013 are forecasted as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Q4 2012 Outlook	Full Year 2012 Outlook	Full Year 2013 Outlook
Interest expense on debt obligations	\$136 to \$139	\$492 to \$495	\$564 to \$572
Amortization of deferred financing costs	\$5 to \$6	\$21 to \$22	\$23 to \$25
Amortization of adjustments on long-term debt	\$4 to \$5	\$15 to \$16	\$15 to \$19
Amortization of interest rate swaps	\$15 to \$17	\$64 to \$66	\$63 to \$67
Other, net	\$0 to \$2	\$(3) to \$(1)	\$(5) to \$(3)
Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs	\$162 to \$167	\$590 to \$595	\$665 to \$675

Debt balances and maturity dates as of September 30, 2012:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Face Value	Final Maturity
Revolver	\$ —	January 2017
Term Loan A	487.5	January 2017
Term Loan B	1,588.0	January 2019
9% Senior Notes Due 2015	829.6	January 2015
7.5% Senior Notes Due 2013	—	December 2013
7.75% Senior Secured Notes Due 2017	964.9	May 2017
7.125% Senior Notes Due 2019	500.0	November 2019
Senior Secured Notes, Series 2009-1 ^(a)	203.1	Various
Senior Secured Tower Revenue Notes, Series 2010-1-2010-3 ^(b)	1,900.0	Various
Senior Secured Tower Revenue Notes, Series 2010-4-2010-6 ^(c)	1,550.0	Various
WCP Secured Wireless Site Contracts Revenue Notes, Series 2010-1 ^(d)	315.4	November 2040
Capital Leases and Other Obligations	88.4	Various
Total Debt	\$ 8,426.9	
Less: Cash and Cash Equivalents ^(e)	\$ 118.9	
Net Debt	\$ 8,308.0	

- (a) The Senior Secured Notes, Series 2009-1 consist of \$133.0 million of principal as of September 30, 2012 that amortizes during the period beginning January 2010 and ending in 2019, and \$70.0 million of principal that amortizes during the period beginning in 2019 and ending in 2029.
- (b) The Senior Secured Tower Revenue Notes Series 2010-1, 2010-2 and 2010-3 have principal amounts of \$300.0 million, \$350.0 million, and \$1,250.0 million with anticipated repayment dates of 2015, 2017, and 2020, respectively.
- (c) The Senior Secured Tower Revenue Notes Series 2010-4, 2010-5 and 2010-6 have principal amounts of \$250.0 million, \$300.0 million and \$1,000.0 million with anticipated repayment dates of 2015, 2017 and 2020, respectively.
- (d) The WCP Secured Wireless Site Contracts Revenue Notes, Series 2010-1 ("WCP Securitized Notes") were assumed in connection with the WCP acquisition. If WCP Securitized Notes are not repaid in full by their anticipated repayment dates in 2015, the applicable interest rate increases by an additional approximately 5% per annum. If the WCP Securitized Notes are not repaid in full by their rapid amortization date of 2017, monthly principal payments commence.
- (e) Excludes restricted cash.

Sustaining capital expenditures for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 are computed as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	For the Three Months Ended	
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
Capital Expenditures	\$ 123.7	\$ 148.4
Less: Land purchases	29.9	111.0
Less: Tower improvements and other	37.3	19.6
Less: Construction of towers	49.1	11.4
Sustaining capital expenditures ^(a)	\$ 7.4	\$ 6.4

- (a) Inclusive of corporate and capital improvement capital expenditures.

Note: Components may not sum due to rounding.