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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Nichol Laura B			2. Date of Requiring (Month/Da)	Statement y/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [ CCI ]					
(Last) (First) (Middle)  1220 AUGUSTA DRIVE  SUITE 600  (Street)  HOUSTON TX 77057  (City) (State) (Zip)		-		4. Relationship of Reporting Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X Officer (give title below) EVP - Business	10% O Other ( below)	wner 6 (	A Person	Year) int/Group Filing t Line) by One Reporting by More than One		
		T	able I - Nor	n-Derivati	ve Securities Benefic	cially Ov	vned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Owner Form: D (D) or In (I) (Instr	oirect Ov odirect	Nature of Indire		
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value					14,635	Г				
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		(e.g			Securities Beneficia nts, options, converti					
´`		2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion	se Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.		
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	5)	
Time RSUs			(2)	(2)	Common Stock	782	(3)	D		
Performance	RSUs		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	2,510	(3)	D		
Performance	RSUs		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	4,458	(3)	D		
Time RSUs			(6)	(6)	Common Stock	1,397	(3)	D		
Performance	RSUs		(7)	(7)	Common Stock	2,597	(3)	D		
Performance RSUs		(8)	(8)	Common Stock	5,039	(3)	D			
Time RSUs		(9)	(9)	Common Stock	4,244	(3)	D			
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Performance	RSUs		(10)	(10)	Common Stock	4,299	(3)	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents shares previously acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- 2. 100% of these Time RSUs may vest on February 19, 2022.
- 3. Each RSU is issued pursuant to the Company's 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan and represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, and vesting (i.e., forfeiture restriction termination) generally is subject to (i) the reporting person remaining an employee or director of the Company or its affiliates and (ii) the other criteria described in the footnotes herein.
- 4. 0% to 150% of these Relative TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2022 based on the Company's annualized total stockholder return ("TSR") performance ranking ("TSR Rank") relative to the constituent companies of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index for the three-year period ending December 31, 2021. The percentage of Relative TSR Performance RSUs that may vest will be (a) 0% if the TSR Rank is below the 30th percentile; (b) 50% if the TSR Rank is at the 30th percentile; (c) 100% if the TSR Rank is at the 55th percentile; and (d) 150% if the TSR Rank is at the 90th percentile or greater. If the TSR Rank is between the 30th and 55th percentiles or between the 55th and 90th percentiles, the percentage of Relative TSR Performance RSUs that may vest is determined using linear interpolation.
- 5. 0% to 150% of these Absolute TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2022 based on the Company's annualized TSR for the three-year period ending December 31, 2021. The percentage of Absolute TSR Performance RSUs that may vest will be (a) 0% if TSR is below 6.5%; (b) 50% if TSR is 6.5%; (c) 100% if TSR is 11.5%; and (d) 150% if TSR is 16.5% or greater. If TSR is between 6.5% and 11.5% or between 11.5% and 16.5%, the percentage of Absolute TSR Performance RSUs that may vest is determined using linear interpolation.

- 6. Approximately 50% of these Time RSUs may vest on February 19 of each of 2022 and 2023.
- 7. 0% to 150% of these Relative TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2023 based on the Company's TSR Rank relative to the constituent companies of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index for the three-year period ending December 31, 2022. The percentage of Relative TSR Performance RSUs that may vest will be (a) 0% if the TSR Rank is below the 30th percentile; (b) 50% if the TSR Rank is at the 30th percentile; (c) 100% if the TSR Rank is at the 55th percentile; and (d) 150% if the TSR Rank is at the 90th percentile or greater. If the TSR Rank is between the 30th and 55th percentiles or between the 55th and 90th percentiles, the percentage of Relative TSR Performance RSUs that may vest is determined using linear interpolation.
- 8.0% to 150% of these Absolute TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2023 based on the Company's annualized TSR for the three-year period ending December 31, 2022. The percentage of Absolute TSR Performance RSUs that may vest will be (a) 0% if TSR is below 6.5%; (b) 50% if TSR is 6.5%; (c) 100% if TSR is 11.5%; and (d) 150% if TSR is 16.5% or greater. If TSR is between 6.5% and 11.5% or between 11.5% and 16.5%, the percentage of Absolute TSR Performance RSUs that may vest is determined using linear interpolation.
- 9.331/3% of the Time RSUs may vest on February 19 of each of 2022, 2023 and 2024.
- 10.0% to 150% of these Relative TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2024 based on the Company's TSR Rank relative to the constituent companies of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index for the three-year period ending December 31, 2023. The percentage of Relative TSR Performance RSUs that may vest will be (a) 0% if the TSR Rank is below the 30th percentile; (b) 50% if the TSR Rank is at the 30th percentile; (c) 100% if the TSR Rank is at the 55th percentile; and (d) 150% if the TSR Rank is at the 90th percentile or greater. If the TSR Rank is between the 30th and 55th percentiles or between the 55th and 90th percentiles, the percentage of Relative TSR Performance RSUs that may vest is determined using linear interpolation.
- 11. 0% to 150% of these Absolute TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2024 based on the Company's annualized TSR for the three-year period ending December 31, 2023. The percentage of Absolute TSR Performance RSUs that may vest will be (a) 0% if TSR is below 6.5%; (b) 50% if TSR is 6.5%; (c) 100% if TSR is 11.5%; and (d) 150% if TSR is 16.5% or greater. If TSR is between 6.5% and 11.5% or between 11.5% and 16.5%, the percentage of Absolute TSR Performance RSUs that may vest is determined using linear interpolation.

## Remarks:

/s/ Laura B. Nichol 03/15/2021

\*\* Signature of Reporting

Date

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- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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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