FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HAWK E BLAKE					CF	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [ CCI ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title Other (specify				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1220 AUGUSTA SUITE 500						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2012								Α	belov I	,	below neral Counsel	)
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77057 (City) (State) (Zip)				_ 4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tabl	e I - N	lon-Deriv	/ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quire	d, Di	sposed o	f, or B	enefic	ially	Owne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y					Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				d 5) Securit Benefic		icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Transa	action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value 03/09/202					.012	.2		S		100,000	D	\$54.0	01(1)		84,675	D		
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value																365 <sup>(2)</sup>	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)	Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any					ransaction Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		e Exer ation D h/Day/		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	isable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents the weighted average price of sales transacted March 9, 2012; such sales were conducted through various transactions at sales prices ranging from \$54.00 to \$54.05 per share.
- 2. Represents shares previously acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).

/s/ E. Blake Hawk

03/09/2012

\*\* 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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