FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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HAWK E B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL</u> <u>CORP</u> [CCI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
(Last) 1220 AUGUS SUITE 500	(First) STA	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2009	EVP & General Counsel
(Street) HOUSTON (City)	TX (State)	77057 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person 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)	Transaction Code (Instr.					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)		
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2009		A		39,836 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	383,336	D			
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2009		A		178,418 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	561,754	D			
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	02/23/2009		D		55,657 ⁽⁴⁾	D	\$ <mark>0</mark>	506,097	D			
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value								365 ⁽⁵⁾	I	By 401(k) Plan		

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

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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)	Transaction Code (Instr.) 8)		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5	ative rities ired osed	Expiration Da	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Expirative Security (Instr. 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				

Explanation of Responses:

1. The stock is restricted stock issued pursuant to the Company's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, and 33 1/3% of the restricted stock generally vests (i.e., the transfer and forfeiture restrictions terminate) on February 19 of each of 2010, 2011 and 2012.

2. The shares represent restricted stock issued under the Company's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. The terms of such restricted stock provide for 0% to 100% of the shares to vest (i.e., the transfer and forfeiture restrictions terminate) on February 19, 2012 based upon the Company's common stock highest average per share price for 20 consecutive trading days between August 24, 2011 and February 19, 2012 ("Highest Average Price"). The percentage of shares vesting being equal to 25%, 50% or 100% of the number of shares of restricted stock granted if the Highest Average Price is \$23.15, \$28.10 or \$39.06, respectively. (footnote continues at footnote 3)

3. (footnote 2 continued) If the Highest Average Price is between \$23.15 and \$28.10, then an additional amount up to 25% shall vest on a prorata basis (approximately 5% per \$1.00 increase in the Highest Average Price above \$23.15). If the Highest Average Price is between \$28.10 and \$39.06, then an additional amount up to 50% shall vest on a prorata basis (approximately 4.56% per \$1.00 increase in the Highest Average Price above \$28.10). If the stock price is at or above \$23.15 per share as of February 19, 2012 and remains at or above for 20 consecutive trading days, then a minimum of 25% of the shares of restricted stock shall vest. Any shares of such restricted stock that do not vest as described in the preceding sentence will generally be forfeited.

4. FORFEITED AND TERMINATED RESTRICTED STOCK AS A RESULT OF THE VESTING (FORFEITURE LAPSE) PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS NOT BEING SATISFIED (i.e. the Common Stock not closing at or above \$42.50 per share for 20 consecutive trading days which included any date on or between September 22, 2008 and February 23, 2009). The forfeiture is an exempt transaction pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).

5. Represents shares previously acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).

/s/ E. Blake Hawk

** Signature of Reporting Person

02/23/2009

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).

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