

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <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)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL</u> <u>CORP [ CCI ]</u>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP &amp; General Counsel</u>
	<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>12/21/2009</u>	
<b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>		

**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	12/21/2009		M		147,531 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$8.7	653,628	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/21/2009		S		125,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$38.4	528,628	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/21/2009		S		22,531 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$38.9	506,097	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/22/2009		M		102,469 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$8.7	608,566	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/22/2009		S		29,869 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$38.9	578,697	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/22/2009		S		67,700 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$38.91	510,997	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/22/2009		S		2,618 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$38.92	508,379	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/22/2009		S		1,082 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$38.93	507,297	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/22/2009		S		1,200 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$38.94	506,097	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)	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)	\$8.7	12/21/2009		M		147,531 <sup>(1)</sup>		09/25/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/25/2011	Common Stock	147,531	\$0	102,469	D	
Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock)	\$8.7	12/22/2009		M		102,469 <sup>(1)</sup>		09/25/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/25/2011	Common Stock	102,469	\$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 on September 25, 2005 (following the Company's common stock achieving a pre-established target price).

/s/ E. Blake Hawk

12/22/2009

\*\* 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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