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## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| Instruction 1(b).                      |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addre     | 1 0                      | erson*               | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL</u><br><u>CORP</u> [ CCI ] |  | tionship of Reporting Pers<br>all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title | son(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner<br>Other (specify |  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| (Last)<br>222 BERKELE | (First)<br>Y STREET, 22N | (Middle)<br>ND FLOOR | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>12/03/2009  |  | below)   | below)  |  |
| (Street)<br>BOSTON    | MA                       | 02116                | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Appl<br>Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporti |  | orting Person                                   |  |
| (City)                | (State)                  | (Zip)                |   |  | Person   |   |  |

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 4. Securities<br>Disposed Of |               |           | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | Form: Direct Inc<br>(D) or Indirect Be<br>lowing (I) (Instr. 4) Ow |                                |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---|--|--------------------------------|
|                                 |  |   | Code                         | v | Amount                       | (A) or<br>(D) | Price     | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |  | (Instr. 4)                     |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |                              |   |                              |               |           | 13,071  | D  |                                |
| Common Stock                    | 12/03/2009                                 |   | S                            |   | 236,386                      | D             | \$37.2536 | 9,684,100   | Ι  | See<br>Footnote <sup>(1)</sup> |

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 5. Nu<br>of<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Acqu<br>(A) or<br>Dispo<br>of (D)<br>(Instr<br>and 5 | ative<br>rities<br>ired<br>osed | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y | ate                | 7. Title<br>Amour<br>Securi<br>Underl<br>Deriva<br>Securi<br>and 4) | nt of<br>ties<br>ying<br>tive<br>ty (Instr. 3 | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D)                             | Date<br>Exercisable                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares        |   |  |  |  |

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares represented herein are held by private investment funds of which Mr. Abrams, directly or indirectly, is the managing member of the general partner and/or is the managing member of the investment manager. In such capacities, Mr. Abrams may be deemed to have voting and investment power with respect to all shares being reported herein. Mr. Abrams disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of the shares reported herein for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

12/07/2009

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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