

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Young James D</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) 1220 AUGUSTA DR SUITE 600 _____ (Street) HOUSTON TX 77057 _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [ CCI ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SVP &amp; Chief Operating Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2016	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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	02/19/2016		M		3,186	A	\$0	179,838	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2016		M		3,116	A	\$0	182,954	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2016		F		17,464 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$86.02	165,490	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2016		D		13,561 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$0	151,929	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value								273 <sup>(3)</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				
Time RSUs	(4)	02/19/2016		M			3,186 <sup>(5)</sup>	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	3,186	\$0	3,186	D	
Time RSUs	(4)	02/19/2016		M			3,116 <sup>(5)</sup>	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	3,116	\$0	6,232	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Represents shares withheld by the issuer to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation in connection with the vesting (i.e., applicable transfer and forfeiture restriction termination) of certain shares of restricted stock and certain Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") previously granted to the Reporting Person. Such withholding is exempt from Section 16 (b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).
- Represents the forfeiture and termination of the portion of the shares of performance restricted stock issued in 2013 which did not vest as a result of the applicable performance conditions not achieving the level required for the vesting of all 43,715 shares of 2013 performance restricted stock originally granted.
- Represents shares previously acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- 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 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 below.
- 33 1/3 % of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vested on February 19, 2016.
- These Time RSUs were previously granted on February 20, 2014. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vests on February 19 of each of 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- These Time RSUs were previously granted on February 12, 2015. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vest on February 19 of each of 2016, 2017 and 2018.

**Remarks:**

/s/ James D. Young 02/23/2016  
 \*\* 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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