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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 17, 2012**

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**Crown Castle International Corp.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-16441**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**76-0470458**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**1220 Augusta Drive  
Suite 500  
Houston, TX 77057**  
(Address of Principal Executive Office)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 570-3000**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 7.01 – REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On December 17, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing certain contractual terms related to Sprint and Clearwire. The December 17 press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**ITEM 9.01—FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits

As described in Item 7.01 of this Report, the following exhibit is furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated December 17, 2012

The information in this Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP.**

By: /s/ E. Blake Hawk

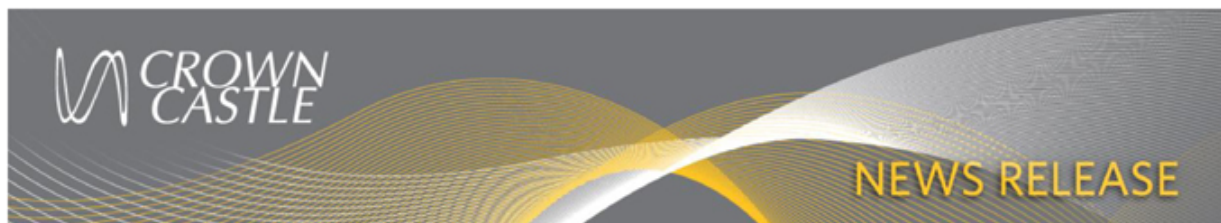
Name: E. Blake Hawk

Title: Executive Vice President  
and General Counsel

Date: December 17, 2012

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contacts: Jay Brown, CFO  
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**CROWN CASTLE ANNOUNCES CERTAIN CONTRACTUAL  
TERMS RELATED TO SPRINT AND CLEARWIRE**

December 17, 2012 – HOUSTON, TEXAS – Crown Castle International Corp. (NYSE:CCI) today announced certain contractual terms in light of Sprint's announcement to acquire 100% ownership of Clearwire. Sprint and Clearwire represent approximately 23% and 3%, respectively, of Crown Castle's annualized consolidated site rental revenues. Further, there are approximately 2,700 Crown Castle towers on which both carriers currently reside. In addition, there is an average of approximately nine years and four years of current term remaining on all lease agreements with Sprint and Clearwire, respectively.

**About Crown Castle**

Crown Castle owns, operates and leases towers and other infrastructure for wireless communications. Crown Castle offers significant wireless communications coverage to 92 of the top 100 US markets and to substantially all of the Australian population. Crown Castle owns, operates and manages approximately 30,000 and 1,700 wireless communication sites in the US and Australia, respectively. For more information on Crown Castle, please visit [www.crowncastle.com](http://www.crowncastle.com).

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