

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>HAWK E BLAKE</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br>1220 AUGUSTA<br>SUITE 500<br><br>(Street)<br>HOUSTON TX 77057<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [ CCI ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br>X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>EVP &amp; General Counsel</u> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>05/28/2009                                |   |
|   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                      |   |
|   |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>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) | 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   | 05/28/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 8,338 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A          | \$18.875 | 514,435   | D  |   |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value   | 05/28/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 3,559 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A          | \$19.937 | 517,994   | D  |   |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value   | 05/28/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 8,338 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D          | \$23.6   | 509,656   | D  |   |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value   | 05/28/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 3,559 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D          | \$23.6   | 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 |
| Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock) | \$18.875   | 05/28/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 8,338 <sup>(1)</sup>   |     | (3)  | 06/01/2009      | Common Stock  | 8,338                                      | \$0  | 0   | D  |       |
| Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock) | \$19.937   | 05/28/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 3,559 <sup>(1)</sup>   |     | (4)  | 06/02/2009      | Common Stock  | 3,559                                      | \$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 one-third upon grant, one-third on January 11, 2000 (upon the Company's common stock achieving a pre-established target price), and one-third on March 28, 2000 (upon the Company's common stock achieving a pre-established target price).
- Vested one-third upon grant, one-third on January 18, 2000 (upon the Company's common stock achieving a pre-established target price), and one-third on March 30, 2000 (upon the Company's common stock achieving a pre-established target price).

/s/ E. Blake Hawk 05/28/2009

\*\* 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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