# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-Q**

x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2011 OR

0 TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period

Commission File Number 001-16441

to

# **CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL**

# CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

76-0470458 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1220 Augusta Drive, Suite 500, Houston, Texas 77057-2261 (Address of principal executives office) (Zip Code)

(713) 570-3000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	Х	Accelerated filer	0
Non-accelerated filer	0	Smaller reporting company	0

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes o No x

Number of shares of common stock outstanding at July 29, 2011: 286,388,789

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### **Cautionary Language Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements that are based on our management's expectations as of the filing date of this report with the SEC. Statements that are not historical facts are hereby identified as forward-looking statements. In addition, words such as "estimate," "anticipate," "project," "plan," "intend," "believe," "expect," "likely," "predicted" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements include plans, projections and estimates contained in "Part I—Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Part I—Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" herein. Such forward-looking statements include (1) expectations regarding anticipated growth in the wireless communication industry, carriers' investments in their networks, new tenant additions, cancellations of customer contracts and demand for our towers, including the potential impact of AT&T's definitive agreement to acquire T-Mobile, (2) availability of cash flows and liquidity for, and plans regarding, future discretionary investments including capital expenditures, (3) anticipated growth in our future revenues, margins, Adjusted EBITDA and operating cash flows, and (4) expectations regarding the credit markets, our availability and cost of capital, and our ability to service our debt and comply with debt covenants.

Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including prevailing market conditions, risk factors described under "*Part II—Item 1A. Risk Factors*" herein and in "*Item 1A. Risk Factors*" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 ("2010 Form 10-K") and other factors. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those expected.

# CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (In thousands of dollars, except share amounts)

		June 30, 2011	D	ecember 31, 2010
		(Unaudited)		
Like         201           (baardeed)         (baardeed)           ASSETS         3000           Receivables, net         3000           Preprid expenses         3000           Deferend income tax assets         3000           Optimum and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$3,645,339 and \$3,451,475, respectively         428455           Static current assets         3000           Deferend increave tax assets         77.72           Total current assets         77.72           Total assets         3000           Deferend increave tax         3000           Current assets         77.72           Total assets         3000           Deferend increave tax         3000           Current assets         3000           Deferend increave tax         3000           Current assets         3000           Current assets         3000           Deferend avernames         3000           Current assets         3000           Total assets <th></th> <th></th> <th></th>				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	108,116	\$	112,531
Restricted cash		193,608		221,015
Receivables, net		57,093		59,912
Prepaid expenses		75,452		65,856
Deferred income tax assets		51,986		59,098
Deferred site rental receivables and other current assets, net		25,687		26,733
Total current assets		511,942		545,145
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$3,645,339 and \$3,451,475, respectively		4,828,564		4,893,651
Goodwill		2,030,585		2,029,296
Other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization \$717,235 and \$636,433, respectively		2,246,507		2,313,929
Deferred site rental receivables, long-term prepaid rent, deferred financing costs and other assets, net		767,722		687,508
Total assets	\$	10,385,320	\$	10,469,529
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	32,691	\$	39,649
Accrued interest		65,337		65,191
Deferred revenues		176,008		202,123
Other accrued liabilities		76,829		105,235
Current maturities of debt and other obligations		30,708		28,687
Total current liabilities		381,573		440,885
Debt and other long-term obligations		6,785,550		6,750,207
Deferred income tax liabilities		62,116		66,686
Deferred ground lease payable and other liabilities		470,244		450,176
Total liabilities		7,699,483		7,707,954
Commitments and contingencies (note 7)				
		317,045		316,581
CCIC stockholders' equity:				
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 600,000,000 shares authorized; shares issued and outstanding: June 30, 2011—287,099,439 and		2,871		2,908
Additional paid-in capital		5,407,010		5,581,525
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(141,746)		(178,978)
Accumulated deficit		(2,899,597)		(2,960,082)
Total CCIC stockholders' equity		2,368,538		2,445,373
Noncontrolling interest		254		(379)
Total equity		2,368,792		2,444,994
	<u>^</u>	10 005 000	\$	10,469,529

# CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (Unaudited) (In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

		Three Months	Ended	June 30,		Six Mon Jui	ths En 1e 30,	ded
		2011		2010		2011		2010
Net revenues:								
Site rental	\$	457,103	\$	409,631	\$	913,299	\$	816,503
Network services and other		43,233		46,496		86,076		83,951
Net revenues		500,336		456,127		999,375		900,454
Operating expenses:								
Costs of operations(a):								
Site rental		121,143		115,465		239,558		229,220
Network services and other		25,906		29,927		53,130		56,223
General and administrative		41,259		40,556		86,003		80,029
Asset write-down charges		6,205		2,597		10,606		4,159
Acquisition and integration costs		490		272		1,044		272
Depreciation, amortization and accretion		138,191		134,426		275,464		267,294
Total operating expenses		333,194		323,243		665,805		637,197
Operating income (loss)		167,142		132,884		333,570		263,257
Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs		(126,483)		(120,345)		(253,169)		(241,126)
Gains (losses) on purchases and redemptions of debt		_		_		_		(66,434)
Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps		_		(114,598)		_		(187,874)
Interest and other income (expense)		(3,890)		(241)		(4,325)		138
Income (loss) before income taxes		36,769		(102,300)		76,076		(232,039)
Benefit (provision) for income taxes		(5,755)		4,686		(4,938)		15,025
Net income (loss)		31,014		(97,614)		71,138		(217,014)
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to the noncontrolling interest		143		(85)		250		(210)
Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders		30,871		(97,529)		70,888		(216,804)
Dividends on preferred stock		(5,202)		(5,202)		(10,403)		(10,403)
Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders after deduction of dividends on preferred stock	\$	25,669	\$	(102,731)	\$	60,485	\$	(227,207)
					_		_	
Net income (loss)	\$	31,014	\$	(97,614)	\$	71,138	\$	(217,014)
Other comprehensive income (loss):								
Available-for-sale securities, net of tax of \$0, \$0, \$0 and \$0, respectively:								
Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities, net of taxes		(1,160)		184		(7,537)		1,423
Derivative instruments net of taxes of \$0, \$(866), \$0 and \$(13,215), respectively:								
Net change in fair value of cash flow hedging instruments, net of taxes		(425)		(72,613)		(850)		(121,546)
Amounts reclassified into results of operations, net of taxes		17,959		11,484		35,848		22,680
Foreign currency translation adjustments		6,084		(14,772)		10,154		(9,011)
Comprehensive income (loss)		53,472		(173,331)		108,753		(323,468)
Less: Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to the noncontrolling interest		150		(71)		633		(45)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders	\$	53,322	\$	(173,260)	\$	108,120	\$	(323,423)
Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC common stockholders, after deduction of dividends on preferred stock, common share:	per							
Basic	\$	0.09	\$	(0.36)	\$	0.21	\$	(0.79)
Diluted	\$	0.09	\$	(0.36)	\$	0.21	\$	(0.79)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding (in thousands):								
Basic		285,280		286,080		286,139		287,266
Diluted		287,026		286,080		288,215		287,266

(a) Exclusive of depreciation, amortization and accretion shown separately.

# CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited) (In thousands of dollars)

		Ended June 30,
	2011	2010
ash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 71,138	\$ (217,01
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:		
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	275,464	267,29
Gains (losses) on purchases and redemptions of long-term debt	—	66,43
Amortization of deferred financing costs and other non-cash interest	51,482	37,55
Stock-based compensation expense	17,254	18,14
Asset write-down charges	10,606	4,1
Deferred income tax benefit (provision)	2,545	(22,3
Income (expense) from forward-starting interest rate swaps		187,8
Other adjustments	4,309	4
Changes in assets and liabilities, excluding the effects of acquisitions:		
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest	146	(4,7
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(7,094)	(6,7
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenues, deferred ground lease payables, other accrued liabilities and other liabilities	(40,120)	(10,4
Decrease (increase) in receivables	3,468	(5,0
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses, deferred site rental receivables, long-term prepaid rent, restricted cash and other assets	(105,389)	(67,3
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	283,809	248,2
ash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from disposition of property and equipment	829	1,9
Payments for acquisitions of businesses, net of cash acquired	(12,375)	(6
Capital expenditures	(116,690)	(91,7
Payments for investments and other	_	(21,8
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	(128,236)	(112,2
ash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	_	1,900,0
Proceeds from issuance of capital stock	757	8,3
Principal payments on long-term debt and other long-term obligations	(16,792)	(8,6
Purchases and redemptions of long-term debt	(,)	(2,149,6
Purchases of capital stock	(192,563)	(146,8
Borrowings under revolving credit agreement	102,000	(1 10,0
Payments under revolving credit agreement	(71,000)	
Payments for financing costs	(82)	(31,5
Payments for forward-starting interest rate swap settlements	(02)	(232,7
Net (increase) decrease in restricted cash	27,088	11,7
Dividends on preferred stock	(9,939)	(9,9
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	(160,531)	(659,2
ffect of exchange rate changes on cash	543	(75)
et increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		
	(4,415)	(524,0)
ash and cash equivalents at beginning of period ash and cash equivalents at end of period	112,531 \$ 108,116	766,14 \$ 242,00

# CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY (In thousands of dollars, except share amounts) (Unaudited)

				CCI	C Stockholders				
	Comm	ion Stock			Additional				
	Shares		(\$.01 Par)		Paid-In Capital	 AOCI	 Accumulated Deficit	ncontrolling Interest	 Total
Balance, April 1, 2011	290,717,872	\$	2,907	\$	5,549,448	\$ (164,197)	\$ (2,925,266)	\$ 104	\$ 2,462,996
Issuances of capital stock, net of forfeitures	(6,404)		_		106	_	_	_	106
Purchases and retirement of capital stock	(3,612,029)		(36)		(150,302)	_	_	_	(150,338)
Stock-based compensation expense	—		_		7,758	_	_	_	7,758
Other comprehensive income (loss)(a)	_		_		_	22,451	_	7	22,458
Dividends on preferred stock	—		_		—	_	(5,202)	_	(5,202)
Net income (loss)						 _	 30,871	 143	 31,014
Balance, June 30, 2011	287,099,439	\$	2,871	\$	5,407,010	\$ (141,746)	\$ (2,899,597)	\$ 254	\$ 2,368,792

				CC	IC Stockholders					
	Comm	ion Stock	(\$.01 Par)		Additional Paid-In Capital	AOCI	Accumulated Deficit			Total
Balance, April 1, 2010	291,230,613	\$	2,912	\$	5,592,251	\$ (155,112)	\$ (2,752,812)	\$	(130)	\$ 2,687,109
Issuances of capital stock, net of forfeitures	51,316		1		1,571	_	_		_	1,572
Purchases and retirement of capital stock	(1,030,966)		(10)		(38,148)	_	_		_	(38,158)
Stock-based compensation expense	_		_		9,880	_	_		_	9,880
Other comprehensive income (loss)(a)	—		_		_	(75,731)	_		14	(75,717)
Dividends on preferred stock	_		_		_	_	(5,202)		_	(5,202)
Net income (loss)	_		_		_	 _	(97,529)		(85)	 (97,614)
Balance, June 30, 2010	290,250,963	\$	2,903	\$	5,565,554	\$ (230,843)	\$ (2,855,543)	\$	(201)	\$ 2,481,870

				CC	IC Stockholders					
	Comm	ion Stock								
	Shares		(\$.01 Par)		Additional Paid-In Capital	 AOCI	Accumulated Deficit	No	ncontrolling Interest	 Total
Balance, January 1, 2011	290,826,284	\$	2,908	\$	5,581,525	\$ (178,978)	\$ (2,960,082)	\$	(379)	\$ 2,444,994
Issuances of capital stock, net of forfeitures	911,515		9		748	_	_		_	757
Purchases and retirement of capital stock	(4,638,360)		(46)		(192,517)	_	_		_	(192,563)
Stock-based compensation expense	_		_		17,254	_	_		_	17,254
Other comprehensive income (loss)(a)	_		_		_	37,232	_		383	37,615
Dividends on preferred stock	_		_		_	_	(10,403)		_	(10,403)
Net income (loss)						 	 70,888		250	 71,138
Balance, June 30, 2011	287,099,439	\$	2,871	\$	5,407,010	\$ (141,746)	\$ (2,899,597)	\$	254	\$ 2,368,792

				CCI	IC Stockholders				
	Comm	on Stock			Additional			 	
	Shares		(\$.01 Par)		Paid-In Capital	 AOCI	 Accumulated Deficit	ncontrolling Interest	 Total
Balance January 1, 2010	292,729,684	\$	2,927	\$	5,685,874	\$ (124,224)	\$ (2,628,336)	\$ (156)	\$ 2,936,085
Issuances of capital stock, net of forfeitures	1,354,448		14		8,383	_	_	_	8,397
Purchases and retirement of capital stock	(3,833,169)		(38)		(146,846)	_	_	_	(146,884)
Stock-based compensation expense	_		_		18,143	_	_	_	18,143
Other comprehensive income (loss)(a)	_		_		_	(106,619)	_	165	(106,454)
Dividends on preferred stock	_		_		_	_	(10,403)	_	(10,403)
Net income (loss)			_		_	_	(216,804)	(210)	(217,014)
Balance, June 30, 2010	290,250,963	\$	2,903	\$	5,565,554	\$ (230,843)	\$ (2,855,543)	\$ (201)	\$ 2,481,870

(a) See the statement of operations and other comprehensive income (loss) for the allocation of the components of "other comprehensive income (loss)."

#### 1. General

The information contained in the following notes to the consolidated financial statements is condensed from that which would appear in the annual consolidated financial statements; accordingly, the consolidated financial statements included herein should be reviewed in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, and related notes thereto, included in the 2010 Form 10-K filed by Crown Castle International Corp. ("CCIC") with the SEC. All references to the "Company" include CCIC and its subsidiary companies unless otherwise indicated or the context indicates otherwise.

The Company owns, operates and leases towers. The Company's primary business is the renting of antenna space to wireless communication companies via long-term contracts. To a lesser extent, the Company also provides certain network services relating to its towers, primarily consisting of installation services, as well as the following additional services: site acquisition, architectural and engineering, zoning and permitting, other construction and other services related to network development. The Company conducts its operations through tower portfolios in the United States, including Puerto Rico and Australia.

#### Basis of Presentation

The condensed consolidated financial statements included herein are unaudited; however, they include all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) which, in the opinion of management, are necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position of the Company at June 30, 2011, and the consolidated results of operations and the consolidated cash flows for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010. Accounting measurements at interim dates inherently involve greater reliance on estimates than at year end. The results of operations for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies used in the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements are disclosed in the Company's 2010 Form 10-K.

#### New Accounting Pronouncements

No accounting pronouncements adopted during the six months ended June 30, 2011 had a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. No new accounting pronouncements issued during the six months ended June 30, 2011 but not yet adopted are expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### 2. **Debt and Other Obligations**

	Original Issue Date	Contractual Maturity Date		Outstanding Balance as of June 30, 2011		D	Outstanding Balance as of ecember 31, 2010	Stated Interest Rate as of June 30, 2011(a)
Bank debt - variable rate:					-	-		
Revolver	Jan. 2007	Sept. 2013		\$ 188,000	(b)	\$	157,000	2.4% (c)
2007 Term Loans	Jan./March 2007	March 2014		622,375			625,625	1.7% (c)
Total bank debt				810,375			782,625	
Securitized debt - fixed rate:								
January 2010 Tower Revenue Notes	Jan. 2010	2035 - 2040	(d)	1,900,000			1,900,000	5.8% (d)
August 2010 Tower Revenue Notes	Aug. 2010	2035 - 2040	(d)	1,550,000			1,550,000	4.5% (d)
2009 Securitized Notes	July 2009	2019/2029	(e)	225,290			233,085	7.0%
Total securitized debt				 3,675,290	-		3,683,085	
High yield bonds - fixed rate:					_			
9% Senior Notes	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2015		811,206			804,971	9.0% (f)
7.75% Secured Notes	April 2009	May 2017		977,416			975,913	7.8% (g)
7.125% Senior Notes	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2019		497,806			497,712	7.1% (h)
7.5% Senior Notes	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2013		51			51	7.5%
Total high yield bonds				 2,286,479	-		2,278,647	
Other:					_			
Capital leases and other obligations	Various	Various	(i)	44,114			34,537	Various (i)
Total debt and other obligations				6,816,258	_		6,778,894	
Less: current maturities and short-term debt and other current obligations				30,708	_		28,687	
Non-current portion of long-term debt and other long-term obligations				\$ 6,785,550		\$	6,750,207	

(a) (b)

Represents the weighted-average stated interest rate. In June 2011, CCOC amended the senior secured revolving credit facility ("Revolver") to increase the aggregate revolving commitment availability by \$50.0 million to a total revolving commitment availability of \$450.0 million, subject to certain restrictions based on the maintenance of financial covenants in the 2007 Credit Agreement. As of June 30, 2011, the undrawn availability under the Revolver is \$262.0 million.

The Revolver base interest at a rate per annum, at the election of CCOC, equal to (i) the greater of the prime rate of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc and the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus 0.5%, plus a credit spread ranging from 1.0% to 1.4% or (ii) LIBOR plus a credit spread ranging from 2.0% to 2.4%, in each case based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio. The 2007 Term Loans bear interest at a rate per annum, at CCOC's election, equal to (i) the greater of the prime rate of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc and the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus 0.5%, plus a credit spread ranging from 2.0% to 2.4%, in each case based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio. The 2007 Term Loans bear interest at a rate per annum, at CCOC's election, equal to (i) the greater of the prime rate of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc and the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus 0.5% (i) LTDOR plus a credit spread ranging from 2.0% to 2.4%, in each case based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio. (c) 0.5% or (ii) LIBOR plus 1.5%.

0.5% or (ii) LIBOR plus 1.5%. If the respective series of the January 2010 Tower Revenue Notes and August 2010 Tower Revenue Notes are not paid in full on or prior to 2015, 2017 and 2020, as applicable, then Excess Cash Flow (as defined in the indenture) of the issuers (of such notes) will be used to repay principal of the applicable series and class of the 2010 Tower Revenue Notes, and additional interest (by an additional approximately 5% per annum) will accrue on the respective 2010 Tower Revenue Notes. The January 2010 Tower Revenue Notes consist of three series of notes with principal amounts of \$300.0 million, \$350.0 million, having anticipated repayment dates in 2015, 2017 and 2020, respectively. The August 2010 Tower Revenue Notes consist of three series of notes with principal amounts of \$250.0 million, \$300.0 million and \$1.0 billion, having anticipated repayment dates in 2015, 2017 and 2020, respectively. The 2009 Securitized Notes consist of \$155.3 million of principal as of June 30, 2011 that amortizes through 2019, and \$70.0 million of principal as of June 30, 2011 that amortizes through 2019, and \$70.0 million of principal as of June 30, 2011 that amortizes through 2019, and \$70.0 million of principal as of June 30, 2011 that amortizes through 2019, and \$70.0 million of principal as of June 30, 2011 that amortizes through 2019, and \$70.0 million of principal as of June 30, 2011 that amortizes through 2019, and \$70.0 million of principal as of June 30, 2011 that amortizes through 2019, and \$70.0 million of principal as of June 30, 2011 that amortizes through 2019, and \$70.0 million of principal as of June 30, 2011 that amortizes through 2019, and \$70.0 million of principal as of June 30, 2011 that amortizes through 2019, and \$70.0 million of principal as of June 30, 2011 that amortizes through 2019, and \$70.0 million of principal as of June 30, 2011 that amortizes through 2019, and \$70.0 million of principal as of June 30, 2011 that amortizes through 2019, and \$70.0 million of principal as of June (d)

(e) period beginning in 2019 and ending in 2029. The effective yield is approximately 11.3%, inclusive of the discount. (f)

(g) (h) (i) The effective yield is approximately 8.2%, inclusive of the discount. The effective yield is approximately 7.2%, inclusive of the discount. The Company's capital leases and other obligations bear interest rates up to 9% and mature in periods ranging from less than one year to approximately 20 years.

#### Interest Expense and Amortization of Deferred Financing Costs

The components of "interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs" are as follows:

	 Three Months	Ended	June 30,		Six Months	Ended June 30,		
	2011	2011 2010		2011			2010	
Interest expense on debt obligations	\$ 100,802	\$	101,666	\$	201,687	\$	203,576	
Amortization of deferred financing costs	3,754		3,986		7,476		7,880	
Amortization of discounts on long-term debt	3,968		3,571		7,833		7,050	
Amortization of interest rate swaps	17,959		10,836		35,848		21,825	
Other	_		286		325		795	
Total	\$ 126,483	\$	120,345	\$	253,169	\$	241,126	

#### 3. Income Taxes

During the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, the Company's provision for federal income taxes was reduced by a partial reversal of the valuation allowance on the Company's federal deferred tax assets, as a result of utilizing net operating losses that previously had a full valuation allowance. For the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, the effective tax rate differed from the federal statutory rate predominately due to the Company's federal deferred tax valuation allowances and the net impact of state taxes.

#### 4. Fair Value Disclosures

	June	30, 201	1		Decemb	er 31, 2	2010		
	Carrying Amount		Fair Value				Carrying Amount		Fair Value
Assets:									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 108,116	\$	108,116	\$	112,531	\$	112,531		
Restricted cash, current and non-current	198,608		198,608		226,015		226,015		
Liabilities:									
Long-term debt and other obligations	6,816,258		7,222,647		6,778,894		7,121,156		
Interest rate swaps(a)	3,003		3,003		5,198		5,198		

(a) Variable to fixed interest rate swaps hedging a portion of the 2007 Term Loans until December 2011 with a notional value of \$600.0 million.

The fair value of cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash approximate the carrying value. The Company determines fair value of its debt securities based on indicative quotes (that is non-binding quotes) from brokers that require judgment to interpret market information including implied credit spreads for similar borrowings on recent trades or bid/ask prices or quotes from active markets if available. The fair value of interest rate swaps is determined using the income approach and is predominately based on observable interest rates and yield curves and, to a lesser extent, the Company's and the contract counterparty's credit risk. There were no changes since December 31, 2010 in the Company's valuation techniques used to measure fair values.

As of June 30, 2011, the fair value of the Company's cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash is measured on a recurring basis and are classified as Level 1 fair value measurements. The following table is a summary of the activity during the six months ended June 30, 2010 for interest rate swap liabilities previously classified as Level 3 fair value measurements. During the six months ended June 30, 2011, all interest rate swap liabilities were classified as Level 2 fair value measurements.

	 Fair Value I Using Significa Inputs		ervable				
	Interest Rate Swaps, Net						
	 Months Ended ne 30, 2010		Six Months Ended June 30, 2010				
Beginning balance	\$ 352,267	\$	300,040				
Settlements	(178,248)		(235,674)				
Less: Total (gains) losses:							
Included in earnings(a)	113,802		186,506				
Included in other comprehensive income (loss)	71,895		108,844				
Ending balance	\$ 359,716	\$	359,716				

(a) Includes \$88.1 million and \$123.6 million, respectively, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, of losses that are attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to liabilities still held at the reporting date.

### 5. Per Share Information

Basic net income (loss) attributable to CCIC common stockholders, after deduction of dividends on preferred stock, per common share excludes dilution and is computed by dividing net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders after deduction of dividends on preferred stock by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders after deduction of dividends on preferred stock, per common share is computed by dividing net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders after deduction of dividends on preferred stock, per common share is computed by dividing net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders after deduction of dividends on preferred stock by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period plus any potential dilutive common share equivalents, including shares issuable (1) upon exercise of stock options and the vesting of restricted stock awards as determined under the treasury stock method and (2) upon conversion of the Company's preferred stock, as determined under the if-converted method. The Company's restricted stock awards are considered participating securities and may be included in the computation pursuant to the two-class method. However, the Company does not present the two-class method when there is no difference between the per share amount under the two-class method and the treasury stock method.

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Mon Jur	ths E ie 30,	
		2011		2010		2011		2010
Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders	\$	30,871	\$	(97,529)	\$	70,888	\$	(216,804)
Dividends on preferred stock		(5,202)		(5,202)		(10,403)		(10,403)
Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC common stockholders after deduction of dividends on preferred stock for basic and diluted computations	d \$	25,669	\$	(102,731)	\$	60,485	\$	(227,207)
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding (in thousands):								
Basic weighted-average number of common stock outstanding		285,280		286,080		286,139		287,266
Effect of assumed dilution from potential common shares relating to stock options and restricted stock awards		1,746				2,076		_
Diluted weighted-average number of common shares outstanding		287,026		286,080		288,215		287,266
Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC common stockholders after deduction of dividends on preferred stock, per common share:	d							
Basic	\$	0.09	\$	(0.36)	\$	0.21	\$	(0.79)
Diluted	\$	0.09	\$	(0.36)	\$	0.21	\$	(0.79)

For both the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, 0.9 million restricted stock awards were excluded from the dilutive common shares because certain stock price hurdles would not have been achieved assuming that June 30, 2011 was the end of the contingency period. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, all of the CCIC stock options and unvested restricted stock awards are excluded from dilutive common shares because the net impact is anti-dilutive. In addition, 8.6 million shares reserved for issuance upon conversion of the 6.25% convertible preferred stock are excluded from dilutive common shares for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 because the impact is anti-dilutive as determined under the if-converted method. See note 9.

#### 6. Leases

#### Tenant Contracts

The following table is an updated summary of the rental cash payments owed to the Company, as a lessor, by tenants pursuant to contractual agreements in effect as of June 30, 2011. Generally, the Company's contracts with its tenants provide for (1) annual escalations and multiple renewal periods at the tenant's option and (2) only limited termination rights at the tenant's option through the current term. As of June 30, 2011, the weighted-average remaining term of tenant contracts is approximately nine years, exclusive of renewals at the tenant's option. The tenants' rental payments included in the table below are through the current terms with a maximum current term of 20 years and do not assume exercise of tenant renewal options.

	lonths Ending cember 31,			Years End	ing I	December 31,		
	2011	2012	2013	2014		2015	Thereafter	Total
Tenant Contracts	\$ 803,088	\$ 1,595,216	\$ 1,561,351	\$ 1,529,769	\$	1,469,150	\$ 10,228,184	\$ 17,186,758

#### 7. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is involved in various claims, lawsuits and proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. While there are uncertainties inherent in the ultimate outcome of such matters and it is impossible to presently determine the ultimate costs or losses that may be incurred, if any, management believes the resolution of such uncertainties and the incurrence of such costs should not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### 8. **Operating Segments**

The Company's reportable operating segments are (1) CCUSA, primarily consisting of the Company's U.S. tower operations and (2) CCAL, the Company's Australian tower operations. Financial results for the Company are reported to management and the board of directors in this manner.

The measurement of profit or loss currently used by management to evaluate the results of operations for the Company and its operating segments is earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and accretion, as adjusted ("Adjusted EBITDA"). The Company defines Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) plus restructuring charges (credits), asset write-down charges, acquisition and integration costs, depreciation, amortization and accretion, interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs, gains (losses) on purchases and redemptions of debt, net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps, impairment of available-for-sale securities, interest and other income (expense), benefit (provision) for income taxes, cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, income (loss) from discontinued operations and stock-based compensation expense. Adjusted EBITDA is not intended as an alternative measure of operating results or cash flow from operations (as determined in accordance with GAAP), and the Company's measure of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. There are no significant revenues resulting from transactions between the Company's operating segments. Inter-company borrowings and related interest between segments are eliminated to reconcile segment results and assets to the consolidated basis.

		Tł	ree Months E	nded J	June 30, 2011		Three Months Ended June 30, 2010								
	CCUSA		CCAL	Е	liminations	C	Consolidated Total		CCUSA		CCAL	Eli	minations	C	onsolidated Total
Net revenues:															
Site rental	\$ 429,454	\$	27,649	\$	—	\$	457,103	\$	387,970	\$	21,661	\$	—	\$	409,631
Network services and other	40,017		3,216		—		43,233		44,274		2,222		—		46,496
Net revenues	469,471		30,865		_		500,336		432,244		23,883		_		456,127
Operating expenses:															
Costs of operations:(a)															
Site rental	112,153		8,990		—		121,143		108,671		6,794		—		115,465
Network services and other	23,576		2,330		_		25,906		28,511		1,416		_		29,927
General and administrative	36,702		4,557		—		41,259		36,875		3,681		—		40,556
Asset write-down charges	5,930		275		_		6,205		2,574		23		_		2,597
Acquisition and integration costs	490		—		—		490		272		—		—		272
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	130,488		7,703		_		138,191		127,557		6,869		_		134,426
Total operating expenses	309,339		23,855		_		333,194		304,460		18,783		_		323,243
Operating income (loss)	160,132		7,010		_		167,142		127,784		5,100		_		132,884
Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs	(126,484)		(5,816)		5,817		(126,483)		(120,058)		(4,967)		4,680		(120,345)
Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	_		_		_				(114,598)						(114,598)
Interest and other income (expense)	1,787		140		(5,817)		(3,890)		4,394		45		(4,680)		(241)
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	(5,184)		(571)		_		(5,755)		5,145		(459)				4,686
Net income (loss)	 30,251		763		_		31,014		(97,333)		(281)				(97,614)
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to the noncontrolling interest	_		143		_		143		_		(85)		_		(85)
Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders	\$ 30,251	\$	620	\$	_	\$	30,871	\$	(97,333)	\$	(196)	\$	_	\$	(97,529)
Capital expenditures	\$ 61,080	\$	2,960	\$		\$	64,040	\$	52,417	\$	2,485	\$		\$	54,902

(a) Exclusive of depreciation, amortization and accretion shown separately.

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2011							Six Months Ended June 30, 2010															
	 CCUSA		CCAL		Eliminations		Consolidated Total		CCUSA		CCUSA		CCAL		CCAL		CCAL		CCAL		Eliminations	C	onsolidated Total
Net revenues:	 																						
Site rental	\$ 860,097	\$	53,202	\$		\$	913,299	\$	772,011	\$	44,492	\$		\$	816,503								
Network services and other	77,681		8,395		_		86,076		79,121		4,830		—		83,951								
Net revenues	 937,778		61,597				999,375		851,132		49,322		_		900,454								
Operating expenses:																							
Costs of operations:(a)																							
Site rental	222,578		16,980		_		239,558		215,694		13,526		—		229,220								
Network services and other	47,533		5,597		_		53,130		52,792		3,431		—		56,223								
General and administrative	76,299		9,704		—		86,003		71,840		8,189		—		80,029								
Asset write-down charges	10,287		319				10,606		4,136		23		—		4,159								
Acquisition and integration costs	1,044		—		—		1,044		272		—		—		272								
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	260,464		15,000		_		275,464		253,249		14,045		_		267,294								
Total operating expenses	 618,205		47,600		_		665,805		597,983		39,214		_		637,197								
Operating income (loss)	319,573		13,997		_		333,570		253,149		10,108		_		263,257								
Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs	(252,845)		(11,758)		11,434		(253,169)		(240,330)		(10,012)		9,216		(241,126)								
Gains (losses) on purchases and redemptions of debt			_		_		_		(66,434)		_		_		(66,434)								
Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	—		—		—		—		(187,874)		—		—		(187,874)								
Interest and other income (expense)	6,870		239		(11,434)		(4,325)		9,279		75		(9,216)		138								
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	(3,815)		(1,123)		—		(4,938)		15,929		(904)		—		15,025								
Net income (loss)	69,783		1,355				71,138		(216,281)		(733)	_	_		(217,014)								
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to the noncontrolling interest	_		250		_		250	_	_		(210)		_		(210)								
Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders	\$ 69,783	\$	1,105	\$		\$	70,888	\$	(216,281)	\$	(523)	\$		\$	(216,804)								
Capital expenditures	\$ 112,326	\$	4,364	\$		\$	116,690	\$	87,452	\$	4,313	\$		\$	91,765								
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(a) Exclusive of depreciation, amortization and accretion shown separately.

The following are reconciliations of net income (loss) to Adjusted EBITDA for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010.

		1	Three Months	Ended June 30, 2011	L		Three Months Ended June 30, 2010							
	CCUSA		CCAL	Eliminations		Consolidated Total		CCUSA		CCAL	E	liminations	C	onsolidated Total
Net income (loss)	\$ 30,251	\$	763	\$	\$	31,014	\$	(97,333)	\$	(281)	\$	—	\$	(97,614)
Adjustments to increase (decrease) net income (loss):														
Asset write-down charges	5,930	1	275	_		6,205		2,574		23		—		2,597
Acquisition and integration costs	490	1	_	_		490		272		_		_		272
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	130,488		7,703	_		138,191		127,557		6,869		_		134,426
Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs	126,484		5,816	(5,817)		126,483		120,058		4,967		(4,680)		120,345
Gains (losses) on purchases and redemptions of debt			_	_		_		_		_		_		_
Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps			—	_		_		114,598		_		—		114,598
Interest and other income (expense)	(1,787	)	(140)	5,817		3,890		(4,394)		(45)		4,680		241
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	5,184		571	_		5,755		(5,145)		459		—		(4,686)
Stock-based compensation expense	7,758		109	_		7,867		9,880		25		—		9,905
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 304,798	\$	15,097	\$	\$	319,895	\$	268,067	\$	12,017	\$		\$	280,084

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2011						Six Months Ended June 30, 2010									
	CCUSA		CCAL	1	Eliminations	C	Consolidated Total		CCUSA		CCAL	Eli	minations	C	Consolidated Total	
Net income (loss)	\$ 69,783	\$	1,355	\$	_	\$	71,138	\$	(216,281)	\$	(733)	\$	—	\$	(217,014)	
Adjustments to increase (decrease) net income (loss):																
Asset write-down charges	10,287		319		_		10,606		4,136		23		_		4,159	
Acquisition and integration costs	1,044		_		—		1,044		272		_		_		272	
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	260,464		15,000		—		275,464		253,249		14,045		_		267,294	
Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs	252,845		11,758		(11,434)		253,169		240,330		10,012		(9,216)		241,126	
Gains (losses) on purchases and redemptions of debt	_		_		_		_		66,434		_		_		66,434	
Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	_		_		—		_		187,874		_		_		187,874	
Interest and other income (expense)	(6,870)		(239)		11,434		4,325		(9,279)		(75)		9,216		(138)	
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	3,815		1,123		—		4,938		(15,929)		904		—		(15,025)	
Stock-based compensation expense	17,254		1,278		_		18,532		18,143		1,210		—		19,353	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 608,622	\$	30,594	\$	_	\$	639,216	\$	528,949	\$	25,386	\$	_	\$	554,335	

#### 9. **Stock-Based Compensation**

Restricted Stock Awards

	Number of Shares
	(In thousands of shares)
Shares outstanding at January 1, 2011	4,297
Shares granted(a)	886
Shares vested(b)	(1,559)
Shares forfeited	(53)
Shares outstanding at June 30, 2011	3,571

Weighted-average grant-date fair value of \$37.04 per share and a weighted-average requisite service period of 2.5 years. The awards with market conditions included an expected (a) Volatility of 48% in the Monte Carlo simulation used to measure grant date fair value. Fair value on vesting date of \$68.0 million. (b)

During the six months ended June 30, 2011, the Company granted 0.5 million shares of restricted stock awards that time vest over a three-year or fiveyear period. During the six months ended June 30, 2011, the Company granted 0.4 million shares of restricted stock awards ("2011 Performance Awards") which may vest on the third anniversary of the grant date subject to a market condition based upon the Company's common stock price.

The Company recognized stock-based compensation expense related to restricted stock awards of \$15.9 million and \$16.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The unrecognized compensation expense (net of estimated forfeitures) related to restricted stock awards as of June 30, 2011 is \$40.2 million.

# 10. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

	 Six Months I	Inded	June 30,
	2011		2010
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:			
Interest paid	\$ 201,541	\$	208,350
Income taxes paid	3,543		2,218
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash financing activities:			
Increase (decrease) in the fair value of forward-starting interest rate swaps	—		(100,242)
Assets acquired through capital leases and installment sales	13,025		5,322

#### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the response to Part I, Item 1 of this report and the consolidated financial statements of the Company including the related notes and *"Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* ("MD&A")" included in our 2010 Form 10-K. Any capitalized terms used but not defined in this Item have the same meaning given to them in our 2010 Form 10-K. Unless this Form 10-Q indicates otherwise or the context requires, the terms "we," "our," "our company," "the company," or "us" as used in this Form 10-Q refer to Crown Castle International Corp. and its subsidiaries.

# **General Overview**

# Overview

As of June 30, 2011, we owned, leased or managed approximately 23,800 towers for wireless communications, including distributed antenna system ("DAS") networks. Revenues generated from our core site rental business represented 91% of our second quarter 2011 consolidated net revenues, of which 94% was attributable to our CCUSA operating segment. The vast majority of our site rental revenues is of a recurring nature and has been contracted for in a prior year. See our 2010 Form 10-K for a further discussion of our business, including our long-term strategy, growth trends in the wireless communications industry and our tower portfolio.

The following are certain highlights of our business fundamentals as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2011.

- Potential growth resulting from wireless network expansion and new entrants (see also the discussion below of wireless industry reports)
  - We expect wireless carriers will continue their focus on improving network quality and expanding capacity by adding additional antennas and other equipment on our towers.
  - We expect existing and potential new wireless carrier demand for our towers will result from (1) next generation technologies, (2) continued development of mobile internet applications, (3) adoption of other emerging and embedded wireless devices, (4) increasing smart phone penetration, and (5) wireless carrier focus on expanding voice and data coverage.
  - Substantially all of our towers can accommodate, either as currently constructed or with appropriate modifications to the tower, additional tenants.
  - U.S. wireless carriers continue to invest in their networks.
- We expect our site rental revenues will grow between 8% and 9% from the full year 2010 to 2011.
- Site rental revenues under long-term customer contracts with contractual escalations
- Initial terms of five to 15 years with multiple renewal periods at the option of the tenant of five to ten years each.
- Weighted-average remaining term of approximately nine years, exclusive of renewals at the customer's option, representing over \$17 billion of expected future cash inflows.
- Revenues predominately from large wireless carriers
- Verizon Wireless, AT&T, Sprint Nextel and T-Mobile accounted for 73% of consolidated net revenues.
- Majority of land under our towers under long-term control
  - Approximately 90% and 69% of our site rental gross margin is derived from towers that we own or control for greater than ten and 20 years, respectively. The aforementioned percentages include towers that reside on land that is owned in fee or where we have perpetual or long-term easements, which represent approximately 34% of our site rental gross margin.
  - Relatively fixed tower operating costs with high incremental margins and cash flows on organic revenue growth
  - Our tower operating costs tend to increase at approximately the rate of inflation and are not typically influenced by new tenant additions.
    - Our incremental margin on additional site rental revenues represents 89% of the related increase in site rental revenues.
- Minimal sustaining capital expenditure requirements
  - Sustaining capital expenditures were \$7.6 million, which represented less than 1% of net revenues.
- Debt portfolio with long-dated maturities extended over multiple years, with virtually all of such debt having a fixed rate (see "Item 3. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk*" for a further discussion of our debt)
  - 88% of our debt has fixed rate coupons, and an additional 9% has been effectively converted to fixed rate through December 2011.
  - Our debt service coverage and leverage ratios were comfortably within their respective covenant requirements. See "*Item 2. MD&A—Liquidity and Capital Resources*" for a further discussion of our debt covenants.
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- Significant cash flows from operations
  - Net cash provided by operating activities was \$283.8 million.
  - We believe our site rental business can be characterized as a stable cash flow stream, which we expect to grow as a result of future demand for our towers.
- Capital allocated to drive long-term shareholder value (per share)
  - Historical discretionary investments include (in no particular order): purchasing our own common stock, acquiring towers, acquiring land under towers, selectively constructing towers, improving and structurally enhancing our existing towers, and purchasing or redeeming our debt or preferred stock. See also "Item 2. MD&A—Liquidity and Capital Resources."
  - Discretionary investments included: (1) the purchase of 4.6 million shares of common stock for \$192.6 million and (2) \$116.7 million in capital expenditures.

The following is a discussion of certain recent events and growth trends which may impact our business and strategy or the U.S. wireless communications industry:

- In March 2011, AT&T entered into a definitive agreement to acquire T-Mobile, subject to regulatory approval and other closing conditions. For the second quarter of 2011, AT&T and T-Mobile accounted for 23% and 11%, respectively, of our consolidated net revenues. As of June 30, 2011, AT&T and T-Mobile are both located on approximately 4,000 of our towers. Net revenues from T-Mobile on these approximately 4,000 towers represent approximately 6% of our consolidated net revenues during the first half of 2011. The weighted-average remaining current term on all of our contractual agreements with AT&T and T-Mobile is approximately 12 and seven years, respectively. If consummated, in whole or in part, this potential acquisition could result in decreased revenues and reduced or delayed demand for our towers and network services as a result of the anticipated integration of these networks and consolidation of duplicate or overlapping parts of the networks. We expect that any termination of customer contracts as a result of the potential acquisition would be spread over multiple years as existing contracts expire. See "Part II-Item 1A. Risk Factors."
- Consumers have increased their use of wireless voice and data services according to recent U.S. wireless industry reports.
  - U.S. wireless data service revenues grew 23% year-over-year to reach \$15.4 billion in the first quarter of 2011;<sup>(a)</sup> 0
  - 0 Data consumed by the average smartphone user has grown by 89%, from 230 megabytes in the first quarter of 2010 to 435 megabytes in the first quarter of 2011;(b)
  - The U.S. market is the largest wireless market in the world, with revenues estimated to be \$186 billion in 2011 and 7% growth compared to 2010;(c) and
  - In the U.S., 38% of mobile consumers now own smartphones, and 55% of those who purchased a new handset in the past three months 0 reported buying a smartphone, up 34% from a year prior.<sup>(b)</sup>
- Source: Chetan Sharma Consulting (a) (b) (c)
- Source: The Nielson Company Source: Deutsche Bank Global Markets Research

### **Consolidated Results of Operations**

The following discussion of our results of operations should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and our 2010 Form 10-K. The following discussion of our results of operations is based on our consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP, which requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts (see "Item 2. MD&A—Accounting and Reporting Matters—Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" and note 2 to our consolidated financial statements on our 2010 Form 10-K).

# Comparison of Consolidated Results

The following information is derived from our historical consolidated statements of operations for the periods indicated.

		ee Months Ended June 30, 2011	onths Ended 30, 2010			
	Amoun	Percent of Net t Revenues	A	Amount	Percent of Net Revenues	Percent Change(b)
			(Dolla	rs in thousa	nds)	
Net revenues:						
Site rental	\$ 457,1	.03 91%	\$	409,631	90%	12 %
Network services and other	43,2	9%		46,496	10%	(7)%
Net revenues	500,3	100%		456,127	100%	10 %
Operating expenses:						
Costs of operations(a):						
Site rental	121,1	.43 27%		115,465	28%	5 %
Network services and other	25,9	60%		29,927	64%	(13)%
Total costs of operations	147,0	29%		145,392	32%	1 %
General and administrative	41,2	859 8%		40,556	9%	2 %
Asset write-down charges	6,2	205 1%		2,597	1%	*
Acquisition and integration costs	4	l90 —		272	—	*
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	138,1	.91 28%		134,426	29%	3 %
Total operating expenses	333,1	.94 66%		323,243	71%	3 %
Operating income (loss)	167,1	.42 34%		132,884	29%	26 %
Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs	(126,4	183)		(120,345)		
Net gain (loss) in interest rate swaps		_		(114,598)		
Interest and other income (expense)	(3,8	890)		(241)		
Income (loss) before income taxes	36,7	769		(102,300)		
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	(5,7	'55)		4,686		
Net income (loss)	31,0	)14		(97,614)		
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to the noncontrolling interest	1	.43		(85)		
Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders	\$ 30,8	371	\$	(97,529)		

Percentage is not meaningful

(a) (b)

Exclusive of depreciation, amortization and accretion shown separately. Inclusive of the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations. See "Item 2. MD&A—Comparison of Operating Segments—CCAL"

		Six Montl June 30				ths Ended 80, 2010	
	A	mount	Percent of Net Revenues	A	mount	Percent of Net Revenues	Percent Change(b)
				(Dollar	s in thousan	ds)	
Net revenues:							
Site rental	\$	913,299	91%	\$	816,503	91%	12 %
Network services and other		86,076	9%	_	83,951	9%	3 %
Net revenues		999,375	100%		900,454	100%	11 %
Operating expenses:							
Costs of operations(a):							
Site rental		239,558	26%		229,220	28%	5 %
Network services and other		53,130	62%		56,223	67%	(6)%
Total costs of operations		292,688	29%		285,443	32%	3 %
General and administrative		86,003	9%		80,029	9%	7 %
Asset write-down charges		10,606	1%		4,159	—	*
Acquisition and integration costs		1,044	—		272	—	*
Depreciation, amortization and accretion		275,464	28%		267,294	30%	3 %
Total operating expenses		665,805	67%		637,197	71%	4 %
Operating income (loss)		333,570	33%		263,257	29%	27 %
Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs	(	(253,169)		(	241,126)		
Gains (losses) on purchases and redemption of debt		_			(66,434)		
Net gain (loss) in interest rate swaps		_		(	187,874)		
Interest and other income (expense)		(4,325)			138		
Income (loss) before income taxes		76,076		(	232,039)		
Benefit (provision) for income taxes		(4,938)			15,025		
Net income (loss)		71,138		(	217,014)		
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to the noncontrolling interest		250			(210)		
Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders	\$	70,888		\$ (	216,804)		

\* Percentage is not meaningful

(a) Exclusive of depreciation, amortization and accretion shown separately.

(b) Inclusive of the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations. See "Item 2. MD&A—Comparison of Operating Segments—CCAL"

Second Quarter 2011 and 2010. Our consolidated results of operations for the second quarter of 2011 and 2010, respectively, consist predominately of our CCUSA segment, which accounted for (1) 94% and 95% of consolidated net revenues, (2) 94% and 95% of consolidated gross margins, and (3) 98% and 100% of net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders. Nearly all of the increase in site rental revenues resulted from towers we owned as of June 30, 2010. New tenant additions inclusive of straight-line accounting for certain contractual escalations resulted in an approximately 7% increase in site rental revenues. The remainder of the increase in site rentals was impacted by the following items, in no particular order: renewals or extensions of customer contracts, escalations and cancellations of customer contracts, inclusive of the impact of straight-line accounting. Our operating segment results, including CCUSA, are discussed below (see "Item 2. MD&A—Comparison of Operating Segments").

*First Half 2011 and 2010.* Our consolidated results of operations for the first half of 2011 and 2010, respectively, consist predominately of our CCUSA segment, which accounted for (1) 94% and 95% of consolidated net revenues, (2) 94% and 95% of consolidated gross margins, and (3) 98% and 100% of net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders. Nearly all of the increase in site rental revenues resulted from towers we owned as of June 30, 2010. New tenant additions inclusive of straight-line accounting for certain contractual escalations resulted in an approximately 7% increase in site rental revenues. The remainder of the increase in site rentals was impacted by the following items, in no particular order: renewals or extensions of customer contracts, escalations and cancellations of customer contracts, inclusive of the impact of straight-line accounting. Our operating segment results, including CCUSA, are discussed below (see "Item 2. MD&A—Comparison of Operating Segments").

#### **Comparison of Operating Segments**

Our reportable operating segments for the second quarter of 2011 are (1) CCUSA, primarily consisting of our U.S. tower operations, and (2) CCAL, our Australian tower operations. Our financial results are reported to management and the board of directors in this manner.

See note 8 to our condensed consolidated financial statements for segment results, our definition of Adjusted EBITDA, and a reconciliation of net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders to Adjusted EBITDA.

Our measurement of profit or loss currently used to evaluate our operating performance and operating segments is earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and accretion, as adjusted. Our measure of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, including companies in the tower sector, and is not a measure of performance calculated in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA is discussed further under "*Item 2. MD&A—Accounting and Reporting Matters-Non-GAAP Financial Measures.*"

#### CCUSA—Second Quarter 2011 and 2010

Net revenues for the second quarter of 2011 increased by \$37.2 million, or 9%, from the same period in the prior year. This increase in net revenues primarily resulted from an increase in site rental revenues of \$41.5 million, or 11%, for the same period. This increase in site rental revenues was impacted by the following items, inclusive of straight-line accounting, in no particular order: new tenant additions across our entire portfolio, renewals or extensions of customer contracts, escalations, and cancellations of customer contracts. Tenant additions were influenced by the previously mentioned growth in the wireless communications industry.

Site rental gross margins for the second quarter of 2011 increased by \$38.0 million, or 14%, from the same period in the prior year. The increase in the site rental gross margins was related to the previously mentioned 11% increase in site rental revenues. Site rental gross margins for the second quarter of 2011 increased primarily as a result of the high incremental margins associated with tenant additions given the relatively fixed costs to operate a tower. The \$38.0 million incremental margin represents 92% of the related increase in site rental revenues.

Network services and other revenues for the second quarter of 2011 decreased by \$4.3 million, or 10%, and the related gross margin increased by \$0.7 million, or 4% from the same period in the prior year. The increase in our network services and other gross margin is a reflection of the general volatility in the volume and mix of such work. Our network services business is of a variable nature as these services are not under long-term contracts. The increase in the gross margin percentage on the network services and other revenues relates to a larger percentage of higher margin non-installation services as a percentage of total network services and other revenues.

General and administrative expenses for the second quarter of 2011 decreased by \$0.2 million, or less than 1%, from the same period in the prior year and decreased to 8% of net revenues from 9%. General and administrative expenses are inclusive of stock-based compensation charges as discussed further in note 9 to our condensed consolidated financial statements. General and administrative expenses were impacted by a \$2.1 million decrease in stock-based compensation charges and an increase related to our DAS networks primarily in connection with our acquisition of NewPath in 2010. Typically, our general and administrative expenses do not significantly increase as a result of the co-location of additional tenants on our towers.

Adjusted EBITDA for the second quarter of 2011 increased by \$36.7 million, or 14%, from the same period in the prior year. Adjusted EBITDA was positively impacted by the growth in our site rental business, including the high incremental site rental margin on the tenant additions and cost containment.

Depreciation, amortization and accretion for the second quarter of 2011 increased by \$2.9 million, or 2%, from the same period in the prior year. The increase is consistent with the insignificant movement in our fixed assets and intangible assets between the second quarter of 2011 and the second quarter of 2010.

The increase in interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs of \$6.4 million, or 5%, from the second quarter of 2010 to 2011 predominately resulted from a \$7.1 million increase in the amortization of interest rate swaps primarily related to the loss on the swaps hedging the refinancing of the 2006 tower revenue notes. During the second quarter of 2010, we recorded losses on interest rate swaps of \$114.6 million, which predominately resulted from an increase in the liability for those swaps not subject to hedge accounting due to changes in the LIBOR yield curve. All of our forward-starting swaps were settled during 2010, so no further similar losses should be recorded. For a further discussion of the debt refinancing and the interest rate swaps, see notes 6 and 7 to our consolidated financial statements in the 2010 Form 10-K.

The benefit (provision) for income taxes for the second quarter of 2011 was a provision of \$5.2 million, representing a decrease in the benefit of \$10.3 million from the same period in the prior year. During the second quarter of 2011 and 2010, our



provision for federal income taxes was reduced by a partial reversal of the valuation allowance on our deferred tax assets. For the second quarter of 2011 and 2010, the effective tax rate differs from the federal statutory rate predominately due to our federal deferred tax valuation allowance and the net impact of state taxes.

Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders for the second quarter of 2011 was income of \$30.3 million. Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders for the second quarter of 2010 was a loss of \$97.3 million, inclusive of net losses on interest rate swaps of \$114.6 million. The change from net loss to net income was predominately due to (1) the previously mentioned charges, (2) growth in our site rental business, partially offset by (3) the previously mentioned charge in benefit (provision) for income taxes from an income tax benefit to an income tax provision, and (4) the previously mentioned increase in interest expense of \$6.4 million.

#### CCUSA—First Half of 2011 and 2010

Net revenues for the first half of 2011 increased by \$86.6 million, or 10%, from the same period in the prior year. This increase in net revenues primarily resulted from an increase in site rental revenues of \$88.1 million, or 11%, for the same period. This increase in site rental revenues was impacted by the following items, inclusive of straight-line accounting, in no particular order: new tenant additions across our entire portfolio, renewals or extensions of customer contracts, escalations, and cancellations of customer contracts. Tenant additions were influenced by the previously mentioned growth in the wireless communications industry.

Site rental gross margins for the first half of 2011 increased by \$81.2 million, or 15%, from the same period in the prior year. The increase in the site rental gross margins was related to the previously mentioned 11% increase in site rental revenues. Site rental gross margins for the first half of 2011 increased primarily as a result of the high incremental margins associated with tenant additions given the relatively fixed costs to operate a tower. The \$81.2 million incremental margin represents 92% of the related increase in site rental revenues.

Network services and other revenues for the first half of 2011 decreased by \$1.4 million, or 2%, and the related gross margin increased by \$3.8 million, or 15% from the same period in the prior year. The increase in our network services and other gross margin is a reflection of the general volatility in the volume and mix of such work. Our network services business is of a variable nature as these services are not under long-term contracts. The increase in the gross margin percentage on the network services and other revenues relates to a larger percentage of higher margin non-installation services as a percentage of total network services and other revenues.

General and administrative expenses for the first half of 2011 increased by \$4.5 million, or 6%, from the same period in the prior year. General and administrative expenses are inclusive of stock-based compensation charges as discussed further in note 9 to our condensed consolidated financial statements. General and administrative expenses primarily increased related to our DAS networks primarily in connection with our acquisition of NewPath in 2010. General and administrative expenses were 8% of net revenues for both the second quarter of 2011 and 2010. Typically, our general and administrative expenses as a result of the co-location of additional tenants on our towers.

Adjusted EBITDA for the first half of 2011 increased by \$79.7 million, or 15%, from the same period in the prior year. Adjusted EBITDA was positively impacted by the growth in our site rental business, including the high incremental site rental margin on the tenant additions and cost containment.

Depreciation, amortization and accretion for the first half of 2011 increased by \$7.2 million, or 3%, from the same period in the prior year. The increase is consistent with the insignificant movement in our fixed assets and intangible assets between the second quarter of 2011 and the second quarter of 2010.

During the first half of 2010, we repaid or purchased \$2.1 billion of face value debt using cash from our issuances of debt in order to extend the maturities of our debt portfolio. As a result of purchasing and early retiring certain of our debt, we incurred a net loss of \$66.4 million. The increase in interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs of \$12.5 million, or 5%, from the first half of 2010 to 2011 predominately resulted from a \$14.0 million increase in the amortization of interest rate swaps primarily related to the loss on the swaps hedging the refinancing of the 2006 tower revenue notes. During the second half of 2010, we recorded losses on interest rate swaps of \$187.9 million, which predominately resulted from an increase in the liability for those swaps not subject to hedge accounting due to changes in the LIBOR yield curve. All of our forward-starting swaps were settled during 2010, so no further similar losses should be recorded. For a further discussion of the debt refinancing and the interest rate swaps, see notes 6 and 7 to our consolidated financial statements in the 2010 Form 10-K.

The benefit (provision) for income taxes for the first half of 2011 was a provision of \$3.8 million, representing a decrease in the benefit of \$19.7 million from the same period in the prior year. During the first half of 2011 and 2010, our provision for federal income taxes was reduced by a partial reversal of the valuation allowance on our deferred tax assets. For the first half of

2011 and 2010, the effective tax rate differs from the federal statutory rate predominately due to our federal deferred tax valuation allowance and the net impact of state taxes.

Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders for the first half of 2011 was income of \$69.8 million. Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders for the first half of 2010 was a loss of \$216.3 million inclusive of (1) net losses on interest rate swaps of \$187.9 million and (2) net losses from repayments and purchases and early retirement of debt of \$66.4 million. The change from net loss to net income was predominately due to (1) the previously mentioned charges, (2) growth in our site rental business, partially offset by (3) the previously mentioned change in benefit (provision) for income taxes from an income tax benefit to an income tax provision, and (4) the previously mentioned increase in interest expense of \$12.5 million.

#### CCAL—Second Quarter 2011 and 2010

The increases and decreases between the second quarter of 2011 and 2010 were inclusive of exchange rate fluctuations. The average exchange rate of one Australian dollar expressed in U.S. dollars for the second quarter of 2011 was approximately 1.06, an increase of 20% from approximately 0.88 for the same period in the prior year. See *"Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk."* 

Total net revenues for the second quarter of 2011 increased by \$7.0 million, or 29%, from the same period in the prior year. Site rental revenues for the second quarter of 2011 increased by \$6.0 million, or 28%, from the same period in the prior year. The increase in the exchange rate positively impacted net revenues and site rental revenues by approximately \$5.2 million and \$4.6 million, respectively, and accounted for an increase of 21% and 21%, respectively, for the second quarter of 2011 from the same period in the prior year. Site rental revenues were also impacted by various other factors, inclusive of straight-line accounting, including, in no particular order, tenant additions on our towers, renewals of customer contracts, escalations and cancellations of customer contracts.

Site rental gross margins increased by \$3.8 million, or 26%, for the second quarter of 2011, from \$14.9 million, for the second quarter of 2010. Adjusted EBITDA for the second quarter of 2011 increased by \$3.1 million, or 26%, from the same period in the prior year. The increases in the site rental gross margin and Adjusted EBITDA were primarily due to exchange rate fluctuations.

Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders for the second quarter of 2011 was net income of \$0.6 million, compared to a net loss of \$0.2 million for the second quarter of 2010. The change from net loss to net income was primarily driven by the previously mentioned increase in net revenues.

#### CCAL-First Half of 2011 and 2010

The increases and decreases between the first half of 2011 and 2010 were inclusive of exchange rate fluctuations. The average exchange rate of one Australian dollar expressed in U.S. dollars for the second quarter of 2011 was approximately 1.03, an increase of 16% from approximately 0.89 for the same period in the prior year. See *"Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk."* 

Total net revenues for the first half of 2011 increased by \$12.3 million, or 25%, from the same period in the prior year. Site rental revenues for the first half of 2011 increased by \$8.7 million, or 20%, from the same period in the prior year. The increase in the exchange rate positively impacted net revenues and site rental revenues by approximately \$8.4 million and \$7.2 million, respectively, and accounted for an increase of 17% and 16% respectively, for the first half of 2011 from the same period in the prior year. Site rental revenues were also impacted by various other factors, inclusive of straight-line accounting, including, in no particular order, tenant additions on our towers, renewals of customer contracts, escalations and cancellations of customer contracts. Net revenues were also impacted by a \$3.6 million increase in network services and other revenues.

Site rental gross margins increased by \$5.3 million, or 17%, for the first half of 2011, from \$31.0 million for the first half of 2010. Adjusted EBITDA for the first half of 2011 increased by \$5.2 million, or 21%, from the same period in the prior year. The increases in site rental gross margin and Adjusted EBITDA were primarily due to exchange rate fluctuations.

Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders for the first half of 2011 was net income of \$1.1 million, compared to a net loss of \$0.5 million for the first half of 2010. The change from net loss to net income was primarily driven by the previously mentioned increase in the network services business, which was primarily driven by new tenant activity.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Overview

General. We believe our site rental business can be characterized as a stable cash flow stream generated under long-term contracts (see "Item 2. MD&A-General Overview-Overview"). Since we became a public company in 1998, our cash provided by operating activities (net of cash interest payments) has exceeded our sustaining capital expenditures. For the foreseeable future, we expect to continue to generate cash provided by operating activities that will be available for discretionary investments. In addition to investing cash provided by operating activities we may also, in certain circumstances, use debt financings and issuances of equity or equity related securities to fund discretionary investments.

We seek to allocate the cash produced by our operations in a manner that will enhance per share operating results. Our historical discretionary investments include (in no particular order): purchasing our common stock, acquiring towers, acquiring land under towers, selectively constructing towers, improving and structurally enhancing our existing towers, and purchasing or redeeming our debt or preferred stock. We have never declared or paid any cash dividend on our common stock. It is our current policy to retain our cash provided by operating activities to engage in discretionary investments. Periodically, we assess the future declaration and payment of cash dividends, if any, based on the then-current conditions, including our earnings, cash provided by operating activities, capital requirements, financial condition, our relative market capitalization, taxable income, taxpayer status, and other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors.

We seek to maintain a capital structure that we believe drives long-term stockholder value and optimizes our weighted-average cost of capital. We target a leverage ratio of approximately five times Adjusted EBITDA and interest coverage of approximately three times Adjusted EBITDA, subject to various factors such as the availability and cost of capital and the potential long-term return on our discretionary investments. Based on market conditions, cost of capital and opportunities, we may choose to increase or decrease our leverage and coverage from these targets for periods of time. Anticipated future growth in site rental cash flows and corresponding increases in Adjusted EBITDA should reduce our leverage ratio. Conversely, as our cash flow and Adjusted EBITDA grow, we may seek to increase our debt in nominal dollars to maintain or achieve a certain targeted leverage.

Liquidity Position. The following is a summary of our capitalization and liquidity position. See "Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" and note 2 to our condensed consolidated financial statements for additional information regarding our debt.

	Ju	ne 30, 2011
	(In thou	sands of dollars)
Cash and cash equivalents(a)	\$	108,116
Undrawn revolver availability(b)		262,000
Debt and other long-term obligations		6,816,258
Redeemable preferred stock		317,045
Total equity		2,368,792

(a) (b) Exclusive of \$198.6 million of restricted cash.

Availability at any point in time is subject to certain restrictions based on the maintenance of financial covenants contained in our credit agreement. See "Item 2. MD&A—Liquidity and Capital Financing Activities" and "Item 2. MD&A—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Debt Covenants. Resources-

Over the next 12 months, we expect that our cash on hand and cash flows from operating activities (net of cash interest payments) should be sufficient to cover our expected (1) debt service obligations of \$30.7 million (principal repayments) and (2) capital expenditures of roughly \$300 million (sustaining and discretionary). As CCIC is a holding company, our cash flow from operations is generated by our operating subsidiaries.

Over the next 12 months, we have no debt maturities other than nominal principal payments on amortizing debt. We may utilize cash flow from operations to repay some or all of the \$188.0 million outstanding under our revolver prior to its maturity in September 2013. We do not anticipate the need to access the capital markets to refinance our existing debt until at least 2014 when our term loans mature (\$622.4 million outstanding as of June 30, 2011). Our 6.25% convertible preferred stock requires redemption in August 2012 of approximately \$318 million plus any unpaid dividends on that preferred stock. Prior to August 2012, the holders of the 6.25% convertible preferred stock may convert the preferred stock into an aggregate 8.6 million common shares at a conversion price of \$36.875 per share of common stock. If our common stock price were to remain at or above current levels, we anticipate that the vast majority of the 6.25% convertible preferred stock will be converted into common shares prior to August 2012, since it would be in the holder's economic interest to so convert. If the 6.25% convertible preferred stock is not still outstanding at August 2012, we may choose to fund the August 2012 redemption by any combination of the following: using cash on hand, borrowing under our revolver, accessing the capital markets and using cash generated from operations. In addition,

we may utilize our right to convert the preferred stock if our common stock trades at or above a specific threshold (\$44.25 per share for 20 out of 30 consecutive trading days). We may also make purchases of the preferred stock using cash prior to August 2012. See "Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" for a tabular presentation of our debt maturities as of June 30, 2011.

## Summary Cash Flow Information

	Six Months Ended June 30,					
		2011 2010			Change	
			(In tho	usands of dollar	s)	
Net cash provided by (used for):						
Operating activities	\$	283,809	\$	248,207	\$	35,602
Investing activities		(128,236)		(112,220)		(16,016)
Financing activities		(160,531)		(659,259)		498,728
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		543		(787)		1,330
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$	(4,415)	\$	(524,059)	\$	519,644

#### **Operating Activities**

The increase in net cash provided by operating activities for the second quarter of 2011 of \$35.6 million, or 14%, from 2010, was primarily due to growth in our core site rental business. Changes in working capital, particularly changes in deferred site rental receivables, deferred rental revenues, prepaid ground leases, restricted cash and accrued interest, can have a significant impact on our net cash from operating activities, largely due to the timing of payments and receipts. We expect to grow our cash flow provided by operating activities in the future (exclusive of movements in working capital) if we realize expected growth in our site rental business.

#### Investing Activities

Capital Expenditures.

	Six Months Ended June 30,					
	2011 2010			2010	Change	
		(1	n thous	ands of dollars	)	
Discretionary:						
Land purchases	\$	52,870	\$	51,000	\$	1,870
Tower improvements and other		35,520		25,350		10,170
Construction of towers		20,673		5,963		14,710
Sustaining		7,627		9,452		(1,825)
Total	\$	116,690	\$	91,765	\$	24,925

Other than sustaining capital expenditures, which we expect to be approximately \$20 million to \$25 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, our capital expenditures are discretionary and are made with respect to activities which we believe exhibit sufficient potential to improve our long-term results of operations on a per share basis. We expect to use roughly \$300 million of our cash flow on capital expenditures (sustaining and discretionary) for full year 2011, with less than one-third of our total capital expenditures targeted for our existing tower assets related to customer installations and related capacity improvement. Our decisions regarding capital expenditures are influenced by the availability and cost of capital and expected returns on alternative investments.

Tower improvement capital expenditures typically vary based on (1) the type of work performed on the towers, with the installation of a new antenna typically requiring greater capital expenditures than a modification to an existing installation and (2) the existing capacity of the tower prior to installation. Tower construction capital expenditures increased as a result of additional DAS network builds.

#### Financing Activities

We seek to allocate cash produced by our operations in a manner that will enhance per share operating results, which may include various financing activities such as (in no particular order) purchasing our common stock and purchasing or redeeming our debt or preferred stock. During the first half of 2011, our financing activities predominately related to net borrowings under our revolver and discretionary purchases of our common stock.

Revolving Credit Agreement. The proceeds of our revolver may be used for general corporate purposes, which may include

the financing of capital expenditures, acquisitions and purchases of our common stock. Typically, we use our revolver to fund discretionary investments and not for operating activities such as working capital, which are typically funded by cash flows from operations. In June 2011, CCOC amended the revolver to increase the aggregate revolving commitment availability by \$50.0 million to \$450.0 million. The following table summarizes our borrowing activity under our revolver during the six months ended June 30, 2011.

	 Three Months Ended June 30, 2011		Ended June 30, 011
	(In thousands of dollars)		
Maximum month-end balance during the period	\$ 188,000	\$	188,000
Average daily balance	140,077		141,199
Outstanding at the end of the period	188,000		188,000
Weighted average interest rate based on average daily balance during the period	2.4%		2.4%
Weighted average interest rate on balance outstanding at the end of the period	2.4%		2.4%

*Common Stock Activity.* As of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, we had 287.1 million and 290.8 million common shares outstanding, respectively. During the first half of 2011, we purchased 4.6 million shares of common stock at an average price of \$41.52 per share utilizing \$192.6 million in cash.

#### Debt Covenants

We currently have no financial covenant violations, and based upon our current expectations, we believe our operating results will be sufficient to comply with our debt covenants. The following is the financial maintenance covenants under our debt agreements, exclusive of cash trap reserve covenants. See our 2010 Form 10-K for a further discussion of our debt covenants, certain restrictive covenants and factors that are likely to determine our subsidiaries' ability to comply with current and future debt covenants.

	Debt	Current Covenant Requirement	As of June 30, 2011(d)	At Inception(d)
Consolidated Leverage Ratio(a)	Credit Agreement	≤7.50	5.3	8.9
Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio(b)(c)	Credit Agreement	≥2.00	3.1	1.9

(a) For consolidated CCIC, this ratio is calculated as the ratio of Consolidated Total Debt (as defined in the credit agreement and calculated in accordance with GAAP) to Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA (as defined in the credit agreement) for the most recent completed quarter multiplied by four; at inception, the covenant requirement was less than 9.25 and decreased thereafter in accordance with the credit agreement. Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA is calculated in the same manner as Adjusted EBITDA used in our segment reporting, which is discussed further in *"Item 2. MD&A—Accounting and Reporting Matters—Non-GAAP Financial Measures"* and note 8 to our condensed consolidated financial statements.
 (b) For consolidated CCIC, this ratio is calculated as the ratio of Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA for the most recent completed quarter multiplied by four to Consolidated Pro forma Debt Service

(b) For consolidated CCIC, this ratio is calculated as the ratio of Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA for the most recent completed quarter multiplied by four to Consolidated Pro forma Debt Service (as defined in the credit agreement). Consolidated Pro Form Debt Service is calculated as interest to be paid over the succeeding 12 months on the principal balance of debt then outstanding based on the then current interest rate for such debt.

(c) In addition, the credit agreement contains covenants related to the debt service coverage ratios of 2.00, 1.75 and 1.75, respectively, for the 2010 tower revenue notes, 2009 securitized notes and 7.75% secured notes, which are calculated in substantially the same manner as the covenants in the respective debt agreements discussed under the cash trap reserve covenants below. These covenants in the credit agreement are more stringent than the cash trap covenants in the respective debt agreements.

(d) The covenant requirement ratios have become more stringent since the inception date in accordance with the credit agreement. The covenant requirement ratios were in compliance with the credit agreement at the date of inception.

The following are the ratios applicable to the cash trap reserve covenants under our debt agreements that could require the cash flows generated by the issuers and their subsidiaries to be deposited in a reserve account and not released to us.

	Debt	Current Covenant Requirement(a)	As of June 30, 2011	At Inception
Debt Service Coverage Ratio(b)	2010 Tower Revenue Notes	>1.75	3.5	3.1
Debt Service Coverage Ratio(b)	2009 Securitized Notes	>1.30	2.8	2.4
Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio(b)	7.75% Secured Notes	>1.35	3.0	2.5

(a) The 2009 securitized notes and 2010 tower revenue notes also have amortization coverage thresholds of 1.15 and 1.45, respectively, which could result in applying current and future cash in the reserve account to prepay the debt with applicable prepayment consideration. For the 7.75% secured notes, if the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is equal to or less than 1.20 and the aggregate amount of cash deposited in the reserve account exceeds \$100.0 million, the issuing subsidiaries will be required to commence an offer to purchase the 7.75% secured notes using the cash in the reserve account. See note (b) below for a discussion of the calculation of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio and Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio.

(b) The Debt Service Coverage Ratio and Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio are both calculated as site rental revenue (in accordance with GAAP), less: (1) cost of operations (in accordance with GAAP), (2) straight-line rental revenues, (3) straight-line ground lease expenses, (4) management fees, and (5) sustaining capital expenditures, using the results for the previous 12 months then ended to the amount of interest to be paid over the succeeding 12 months per the terms of the respective debt agreement.



## **Accounting and Reporting Matters**

#### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our critical accounting policies and estimates are those that we believe (1) are most important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operations and (2) require our most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. The critical accounting policies and estimates are not intended to be a comprehensive list of our accounting policies and estimates. In many cases, the accounting treatment of a particular transaction is specifically dictated by GAAP, with no need for management's judgment. In other cases, management is required to exercise judgment in the application of accounting principles with respect to particular transactions. Our critical accounting policies and estimates as of December 31, 2010 are described in *"Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations"* and in note 2 of our consolidated financial statements in our 2010 Form 10-K. The critical accounting policies and estimates for the first half of 2011 have not changed from the critical accounting policies for the year ended December 31, 2010.

In the future, the potential merger of AT&T and T-Mobile may trigger a review of our long-lived assets for impairment. See also "*Item 2. MD&A—General Overview—Overview*" for a discussion of the potential merger of AT&T and T-Mobile.

#### Impact of Accounting Standards Issued But Not Yet Adopted and Those Adopted in 2011

No accounting pronouncements adopted during the six months ended June 30, 2011 had a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. No new accounting pronouncements issued during the six months ended June 30, 2011 are expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Our measurement of profit or loss currently used to evaluate the operating performance of our operating segments is earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and accretion, as adjusted, or Adjusted EBITDA. Our definition of Adjusted EBITDA is set forth in note 8 to our condensed consolidated financial statements. Our measure of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, including companies in the tower sector, and is not a measure of performance calculated in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for operating income or loss, net income or loss, cash flows provided by (used for) operating, investing and financing activities or other income statement or cash flow statement data prepared in accordance with GAAP.

We believe Adjusted EBITDA is useful to an investor in evaluating our operating performance because:

- it is the primary measure used by our management to evaluate the economic productivity of our operations, including the efficiency of our employees and the profitability associated with their performance, the realization of contract revenues under our long-term contracts, our ability to obtain and maintain our customers and our ability to operate our site rental business effectively;
- it is the primary measure of profit and loss used by our management for purposes of making decisions about allocating resources to, and assessing the performance of, our operating segments;
- it is similar to the measure of current financial performance generally used in our debt covenant calculations;
- although specific definitions may vary, it is widely used in the tower sector to measure operating performance without regard to items such as depreciation, amortization and accretion which can vary depending upon accounting methods and the book value of assets; and
- we believe it helps investors meaningfully evaluate and compare the results of our operations (1) from period to period and (2) to our competitors by removing the impact of our capital structure (primarily interest charges from our outstanding debt) and asset base (primarily depreciation, amortization and accretion) from our operating results.

#### Our management uses Adjusted EBITDA:

- with respect to compliance with our debt covenants, which require us to maintain certain financial ratios including, or similar to, Adjusted EBITDA;
- as the primary measure of profit and loss for purposes of making decisions about allocating resources to, and assessing the performance of, our operating segments;
- as a performance goal in employee annual incentive compensation;
- as a measurement of operating performance because it assists us in comparing our operating performance on a consistent basis as it removes the impact of our capital structure (primarily interest charges from our outstanding debt) and asset base (primarily depreciation, amortization and accretion) from our operating results;

- in presentations to our board of directors to enable it to have the same measurement of operating performance used by management;
- for planning purposes, including preparation of our annual operating budget;
- as a valuation measure in strategic analyses in connection with the purchase and sale of assets; and
- in determining self-imposed limits on our debt levels, including the evaluation of our leverage ratio and interest coverage ratio.

There are material limitations to using a measure such as Adjusted EBITDA, including the difficulty associated with comparing results among more than one company, including our competitors, and the inability to analyze certain significant items, including depreciation and interest expense, that directly affect our net income or loss. Management compensates for these limitations by considering the economic effect of the excluded expense items independently as well as in connection with their analysis of net income (loss).

#### **ITEM 3.** QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The following section updates "Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" in our 2010 Form 10-K and should be read in conjunction with that report as well as our condensed consolidated financial statements included in Part 1, Item 1 of this report.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Our interest rate risk relates primarily to the impact of interest rate movements on the following:

- the potential refinancing of our existing debt;
- our \$810.4 million of floating rate debt representing approximately 12% of total debt, of which \$600.0 million has been fixed until December 2011 through interest rate swaps; and
- potential future borrowings of incremental debt.

The following tables provide information about our market risk related to changes in interest rates. The future principal payments and weighted-average interest rates are presented as of June 30, 2011. These debt maturities reflect contractual maturity dates and do not consider the impact of the principal payments that commence if the applicable debt is not repaid or refinanced on or prior to the anticipated repayment dates on the tower revenue notes (see footnote (c)). See note 2 to our condensed consolidated financial statements for additional information regarding our debt.

Future Principal Payments and Interest Rates by the Debt Instruments' Contractual Year of Maturity														
		2011		2012		2013	2014		2015		Thereafter	Total	1	Fair Value(a)
								Dolla	rs in thousand	ls)				
Debt:														
Fixed rate(c)	\$	12,455	\$	24,146	\$	23,852	\$ 23,815	\$	890,997	\$	5,111,482 (c) \$	6,086,747	(c) \$	6,419,765
Average interest rate(b)(c)		5.6%		5.6%		5.8%	5.8%		8.9%		9.3% (c)	9.2%	(c)	
Variable rate	\$	3,250	\$	6,500	\$	194,500	\$ 606,125	\$	—	\$	\$	810,375	\$	802,882
Average interest rate(d)		1.7%		1.7%		2.3%	1.7%		%		%	1.8%		

The fair value of our debt is based on indicative quotes (that is, non-binding quotes) from brokers that require judgment to interpret market information, including implied credit spreads for similar borrowings on recent trades or bid/ask offers. These fair values are not necessarily indicative of the amount which could be realized in a current market exchange. (a)

The average interest rate represents the weighted-average stated coupon rate (see footnote (c)). (b) The impact of principal payments that commence if the applicable debt is not repaid or refinanced on or prior to the anticipated repayment dates are not considered. The anticipated repayment dates are 2015, 2017 and 2020, as applicable, for the 2010 tower revenue notes. If the tower revenue notes are not repaid in full by their anticipated repayment dates, the applicable interest rate increases by an additional approximately 5% per annum and monthly principal payments commence using the Excess Cash Flow of the issuers of the tower revenue notes. The tower revenue notes are presented based on their contractual maturity dates between 2035 and 2040 and include the impact of an assumed 5% increase in interest rate that would occur following the anticipated repayment dates but exclude the impact of monthly principal payments that would commence using Excess Cash Flow of the issuers of the tower revenue notes. The full year 2010 Excess Cash Flow of the issuers was approximately \$425.0 million. The interest rate represents the weighted-average rate currently in effect and excludes the impact of interest rate swaps. We have effectively fixed the interest rate on \$600.0 million of debt at

(d) approximately 1.3% (plus the applicable credit spread) through an interest rate swap until December 2011.

#### **Foreign Currency Risk**

The vast majority of our foreign currency risk is related to the Australian dollar which is the functional currency of CCAL. CCAL represented 6% of our consolidated net revenues and 4% of our operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2011. Over the past year and five years, the Australian dollar has strengthened by 24% and 43%, respectively, against the U.S. dollar. We believe the risk related to our financial instruments (exclusive of inter-company financing deemed a long-term investment) denominated in Australian dollars should not be material to our financial condition.

#### ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

#### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The Company conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in alerting them in a timely manner to material information relating to the Company required to be included in the Company's periodic reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

### **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

# PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

# ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the risk factor below, as well as the other information contained in this document and our 2010 Form 10-K, including additional risk factors discussed in *"Item 1A. Risk Factors"* in our 2010 Form 10-K. The following risk factor is included below to update this specific risk factor from the Form 10-K with the respect to certain matters relating to AT&T's potential acquisition of T-Mobile.

# A substantial portion of our revenues is derived from a small number of customers, and the loss, consolidation or financial instability of any of our limited number of customers may materially decrease revenues and reduce demand for our towers and network services.

For the six months ended June 30, 2011, approximately 73% of our consolidated net revenues was derived from AT&T, Verizon Wireless, Sprint and T-Mobile, which represented 23%, 20%, 19% and 11%, respectively, of our consolidated net revenues. The loss of any one of our large customers as a result of bankruptcy, insolvency, consolidation, roaming, joint development, resale agreements by our customers, merger with other customers of ours or otherwise may result in (1) a material decrease in our revenues, (2) uncollectible account receivables, (3) an impairment of our deferred site rental receivables, tower assets, site rental contracts and customer relationships intangible assets, and (4) other adverse effects to our business. We cannot guarantee that contracts with our major customers will not be terminated or that these customers will renew their contracts with us.

Consolidation among our customers will likely result in duplicate or overlapping parts of networks, which may result in a reduction of cell sites and impact revenues from our towers. In addition, consolidation may result in a reduction in such customers' future capital expenditures in the aggregate because their expansion plans may be similar. Any industry consolidation could decrease the demand for our towers, which in turn may result in a reduction in our revenues and cash flows.

Recent examples of consolidation include Verizon Wireless acquiring Alltel in 2009. In addition, Sprint merged with Nextel in August 2005, resulting in their use of two separate wireless technologies. During 2010, Sprint announced multi-year network plans to consolidate their multiple network technologies, including the elimination of their narrow-band push-to-talk network, referred to as iDEN, which is scheduled to be phased out over a period of time beginning in 2013. These plans may result in Sprint not renewing certain contracts with us.

In March 2011, AT&T entered into a definitive agreement to acquire T-Mobile, subject to regulatory approval and other closing conditions. This potential acquisition could decrease revenues and reduce or delay demand for our towers and network services, as a result of the anticipated integration of these networks and related duplicate or overlapping parts of the networks. See "*Item 2. MD&A—General Overview*" and "*Item 2—MD&A—Accounting and Reporting Matters.*"

# ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The following table summarizes information with respect to purchase of our equity securities during the second quarter of 2011:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Aver	age Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
	(In thousands)				
April 1 - April 30, 2011	246	\$	41.86	—	—
May 1 - May 31, 2011	3,094		41.64	—	—
June 1 - June 30, 2011	272		41.15	—	—
Total	3,612	\$	41.62		

We paid \$150.3 million in cash to effect these purchases. Virtually all of these purchases were made in the open market.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	Description
(a) 3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Crown Castle International Corp., dated May 24, 2007
(b) 3.2	Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Crown Castle International Corp., effective May 24, 2011
(a) 3.3	Amended and Restated By-laws of Crown Castle International Corp., dated May 24, 2007
(b) 3.4	Amendment to Amended and Restated By-Laws of Crown Castle International Corp., effective May 24, 2011
(c) 10.1	Crown Castle International Corp. 2011 EMT Annual Incentive Plan
(c) 10.2	Summary of Non-Employee Director Compensation
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

(a) Incorporated by reference to the exhibit previously filed by the Registrant on Form 8-K (Registration No. 001-16441) on May 30, 2007.
(b) Incorporated by reference to the exhibit previously filed by the Registrant on Form 8-K (Registration No. 001-16441) on May 26, 2011.
(c) Incorporated by reference to the exhibit previously filed by the Registrant on Form 8-K (Registration No. 001-16441) on Foruary 16, 2011.

# 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 thereunto duly authorized.

# CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP.

Date: August 5, 2011	By:	/s/ Jay A. Brown
		Jay A. Brown
		Senior Vice President,
		Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
		(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: August 5, 2011

By: /s/ Rob A. Fisher

Rob A. Fisher Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)

# Exhibit 31.1

## Certification For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2011

I, W. Benjamin Moreland, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Crown Castle International Corp. ("registrant");
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 5, 2011

/s/ W. Benjamin Moreland

W. Benjamin Moreland President and Chief Executive Officer

# Exhibit 31.2

# Certification For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2011

I, Jay A. Brown, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Crown Castle International Corp. ("registrant");
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 5, 2011

/s/ Jay A. Brown

Jay A. Brown Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

# Exhibit 32.1

# Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Crown Castle International Corp., a Delaware Corporation ("Company"), for the period ending June 30, 2011 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof ("Report"), each of the undersigned officers of the Company hereby certifies pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the best of such officer's knowledge:

- 1) the Report complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of June 30, 2011 (the last date of the period covered by the Report).

/s/ W. Benjamin Moreland

W. Benjamin Moreland President and Chief Executive Officer August 5, 2011

/s/ Jay A. Brown

Jay A. Brown Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer August 5, 2011

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 has been provided to Crown Castle International Corp. and will be retained by Crown Castle International Corp. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.