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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 29, 2009**

**Crown Castle International Corp.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**001-16441**

(Commission File Number)

**76-0470458**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1220 Augusta Drive  
Suite 500  
Houston, TX**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**77057**

(Zip Code)

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

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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**ITEM 2.02 — RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

On July 29, 2009, the Company issued a press release disclosing its financial results for the second quarter of 2009. The July 29 press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**ITEM 9.01 — FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits

As described in Item 2.02 of this Report, the following exhibit is furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>                |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press Release dated July 29, 2009 |

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

## SIGNATURES

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

### **CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP.**

By: /s/ E. Blake Hawk  
Name: E. Blake Hawk  
Title: Executive Vice President  
and General Counsel

Date: July 29, 2009

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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Crown Castle International

## News Release

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL  
REPORTS SECOND QUARTER 2009 RESULTS;  
RAISES 2009 OUTLOOK**

July 29, 2009 — HOUSTON, TEXAS — Crown Castle International Corp. (NYSE:CCI) today reported results for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.

“We had an excellent second quarter, exceeding the top end of our Outlook for site rental revenue, site rental gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA, and recurring cash flow,” stated Ben Moreland, President and Chief Executive Officer of Crown Castle. “Despite prevailing macroeconomic conditions, we continue to enjoy strong leasing demand for our towers, as evidenced by year-over-year revenue and Adjusted EBITDA growth of 8% and 16%, respectively. Importantly, these results were achieved almost entirely through organic growth on assets that we owned as of April 1, 2008. Furthermore, we expect net new tenant additions to be significantly higher in the second half of the year compared to the first half of 2009. In fact, application volume in the second quarter of 2009 was up 30% over application activity in the second quarter of 2008, which we expect to translate into revenue growth in the second half of the year. This activity is driven, in part, by the growing mobile Internet. Based on the strong results in the first half of the year, including the new tenant application volume, and our expectations for the second half of 2009, we have raised our full year 2009 Outlook, which now suggests annual site rental revenue and Adjusted EBITDA growth of 9% and 14%, respectively.”

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS**

Site rental revenues for second quarter 2009 increased \$27.9 million, or 8%, to \$376.4 million from \$348.5 million for the same period in the prior year. Site rental gross margin, defined as site rental revenues less site rental cost of operations, increased 12% to \$263.1 million, up \$28.3 million in the second quarter of 2009 from \$234.8 million in the same period in 2008. Adjusted EBITDA for second quarter 2009 increased \$33.9 million, or 16%, to \$246.9 million, up from \$213.0 million for the same period in 2008.

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Recurring cash flow, defined as Adjusted EBITDA less interest expense less sustaining capital expenditures, increased from \$119.2 million in the second quarter of 2008 to \$131.5 million for the second quarter of 2009, up 10%. Recurring cash flow per share, defined as recurring cash flow divided by weighted average common shares outstanding, was \$0.46 in the second quarter of 2009 compared to \$0.43 in the second quarter of 2008, an increase of 8%.

For the second quarter of 2009, approximately 5% of Crown Castle's consolidated revenues were from its Australia subsidiary. Crown Castle's consolidated results were negatively impacted by the 19% decrease in the Australian dollar to US dollar exchange rate from second quarter 2008 to second quarter 2009. Crown Castle's consolidated growth rates on a currency-neutral basis are as follows: site rental revenue 9%, site rental gross margin 13%, Adjusted EBITDA 17%, recurring cash flow 12%, and recurring cash flow per share 9%.

Net loss attributable to CCIC stockholders was \$111.4 million for the second quarter of 2009, inclusive of \$98.7 million of losses on purchases and early redemptions of debt and \$59.5 million of unrealized losses on interest rate swaps, compared to a net income attributable to CCIC stockholders of \$60.3 million for the same period in 2008, inclusive of the recognition of \$74.9 million of tax benefits related to previously unrecognized US net operating losses. Net loss attributable to CCIC stockholders after deduction of dividends on preferred stock was \$116.6 million in the second quarter of 2009, compared to a net income attributable to CCIC stockholders after deduction of dividends on preferred stock of \$55.1 million for the same period in 2008. Diluted second quarter 2009 net loss attributable to CCIC common stockholders per common share was \$0.41, compared to a diluted net income attributable to CCIC common stockholders, after deduction of dividends on preferred stock, per common share of \$0.19 in the second quarter of 2008.

#### **SEGMENT RESULTS**

US site rental revenues for the second quarter of 2009 increased \$29.5 million, or 9%, to \$358.5 million, compared to second quarter 2008 US site rental revenues of \$329.0 million. US site rental gross margin increased 13%, or \$29.1 million, in second quarter 2009 to \$250.5 million from \$221.5 million in the same period in 2008.

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On a currency-neutral basis, Australia site rental revenues and site rental gross margin for second quarter 2009 grew 14% and 17% over second quarter 2008. Australia site rental revenues for the second quarter of 2009 were \$17.9 million, compared to \$19.6 million in the second quarter of 2008. Australia site rental gross margin for second quarter 2009 was \$12.5 million, compared to \$13.3 million in the second quarter 2008.

#### **INVESTMENTS AND LIQUIDITY**

“I am very pleased with our second quarter financial results, our ability to increase our Outlook for the balance of 2009 and the continued progress that we have made to improve our balance sheet,” stated Jay Brown, Chief Financial Officer of Crown Castle. “As I’ve previously discussed, the primary goals of our refinancing efforts have been to extend our debt maturities, spread the debt maturities over multiple years and maintain flexibility to invest our cash flow while achieving the lowest possible interest cost. I believe that the recently announced financing of \$250 million of structured notes by certain of our subsidiaries helps achieve all of these goals and potentially establishes an attractive template for future refinancings. Further, our 2009 financing activities have eliminated our requirement to access the credit markets for almost five years, as we are able to repay all of our debt maturities between now and 2014 with cash on-hand and anticipated cash flow.”

During the second quarter of 2009, Crown Castle issued \$1.2 billion of 7.75% senior secured notes due in 2017. The proceeds of these notes, combined with cash-on-hand, were used to repay, in full, the previously outstanding securitized notes due February 2011.

On July 20, 2009, Crown Castle priced, at par, \$250 million of senior secured notes in two classes, A-1 and A-2. The Class A-1 Notes will consist of \$175 million of 6.25% Notes and fully amortize during the period beginning in January 2010 and ending on the final maturity date in August 2019. The Class A-2 Notes will consist of \$75 million of 9.0% Notes and fully amortize during the period beginning in September 2019 and ending on the final maturity date in August 2029. Crown Castle expects the \$250 million notes to close on July 31, 2009. The proceeds are required to be used to repay, in full, the remaining \$221.5 million outstanding of the Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-2, issued in 2004 by Global Signal Trust II and due in December 2009 (“December 2009 Notes”), which is net of the \$72 million of notes that Crown Castle purchased in the open market during the first quarter of 2009.

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During the second quarter of 2009, Crown Castle purchased, at par, \$15.8 million of the Senior Secured Tower Revenue Notes, Series 2005-1 due in June 2035 ("June 2035 Notes"). Since July 1, 2009, Crown Castle has purchased, at par, \$180.4 million of the June 2035 Notes. Pro forma for these purchases, Crown Castle has \$1,703.8 million of June 2035 Notes outstanding.

As of June 30, 2009, pro forma for the completion of the \$250 million senior secured notes offering, and after taking into account the repayment of the December 2009 Notes and the aforementioned purchases in July by Crown Castle of the June 2035 Notes, Crown Castle expects to have approximately \$177 million in cash and cash equivalents (excluding restricted cash) and \$188 million of availability under its \$188 million revolving credit facility.

During the second quarter of 2009, Crown Castle invested \$39.6 million in capital expenditures, comprised of \$5.1 million of sustaining capital expenditures and \$34.5 million of revenue generating capital expenditures, of which \$1.7 million was spent on land purchases, \$28.2 million on existing sites, and \$4.6 million on the construction and acquisition of new sites. Total capital expenditures were down approximately 72% from the same quarter in 2008.

In addition to the tables and information contained in this press release, Crown Castle will post supplemental information on its website at <http://investor.crowncastle.com> that will be discussed during its conference call tomorrow morning, Thursday, July 30, 2009.

## **OUTLOOK**

This Outlook section contains forward-looking statements, and actual results may differ materially. Information regarding potential risks which could cause actual results to differ from the forward-looking statements herein is set forth below and in Crown Castle's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

The following Outlook table is based on current expectations and assumptions. The Outlook table includes the interest expense associated with the \$250 million of senior secured notes to be issued in July 2009, and assumes a US dollar to Australian dollar exchange rate of 0.79 US dollars and 0.75 US dollars to 1.00 Australian dollar for third quarter and full year 2009 Outlook, respectively.

For the purposes of this Outlook, interest expense is based on run-rate interest charges and does not assume early debt retirement prior to the maturity date, with the exception of the purchases to-date and the repayment of the \$221.5 million December 2009 Notes, as discussed above.

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As reflected in the following table, Crown Castle has increased the midpoint of its full year 2009 Outlook, previously issued on April 29, 2009, for site rental revenue by \$17.5 million, site rental gross margin by \$25.5 million, Adjusted EBITDA by \$22.5 million and recurring cash flow by \$20.5 million.

The following table sets forth Crown Castle's current Outlook for the third quarter of 2009 and full year 2009:

| <i>(in millions, except per share amounts)</i>   | Third Quarter 2009 | Full Year 2009       |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|
| Site rental revenues   | \$385 to \$390     | \$1,520 to \$1,530   |
| Site rental cost of operations   | \$114 to \$120     | \$455 to \$460       |
| Site rental gross margin   | \$268 to \$273     | \$1,063 to \$1,073   |
| Adjusted EBITDA  | \$246 to \$251     | \$985 to \$995       |
| Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs <sup>(a)</sup>                               | \$113 to \$115     | \$441 to \$446       |
| Sustaining capital expenditures  | \$8 to \$11        | \$26 to \$31         |
| Recurring cash flow  | \$123 to \$128     | \$513 to \$523       |
| Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC common stockholders after deduction of dividends on preferred stock | \$(31) to \$12     | \$(172) to \$(81)    |
| Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC common stockholders per share <sup>(b)</sup>                        | \$(0.11) to \$0.04 | \$(0.60) to \$(0.28) |

(a) Inclusive of approximately \$17 million and approximately \$60 million, respectively, of non-cash expense.

(b) Represents net income (loss) attributable to CCIC common stockholders per common share, based on 286.5 million shares outstanding as of June 30, 2009.

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## **CONFERENCE CALL DETAILS**

Crown Castle has scheduled a conference call for Thursday, July 30, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. eastern time. The conference call may be accessed by dialing 480-629-9678 and asking for the Crown Castle call at least 30 minutes prior to the start time. The conference call may also be accessed live over the Internet by logging onto the web at <http://investor.crowncastle.com>. Any supplemental materials for the call will be posted at the Crown Castle website at <http://investor.crowncastle.com>.

A telephonic replay of the conference call will be available from 12:30 p.m. eastern time on Thursday, July 30, 2009, through 11:59 p.m. eastern time on Thursday, August 6, 2009, and may be accessed by dialing 303-590-3030 using access code 4114093. An audio archive will also be available on the company's website at <http://investor.crowncastle.com> shortly after the call and will be accessible for approximately 90 days.

Crown Castle owns, operates, and leases towers and other communication structures for wireless communications. Crown Castle offers significant wireless communications coverage to 91 of the top 100 US markets and to substantially all of the Australian population. Crown Castle owns, operates and manages over 22,000 and approximately 1,600 wireless communication sites in the US and Australia, respectively. For more information on Crown Castle, please visit <http://www.crowncastle.com>.

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

| <i>(in thousands)</i>  | For the Three Months Ended |                  |
|--|----------------------------|------------------|
|  | June 30,<br>2009           | June 30,<br>2008 |
| Interest expense on debt obligations                         | \$ 94,049                  | \$ 82,492        |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs                     | 6,739                      | 3,842            |
| Amortization of discounts on long-term debt                  | 3,151                      | —                |
| Amortization of interest rate swaps                          | 5,311                      | 755              |
| Amortization of purchase price adjustments on long-term debt | 571                        | 943              |
| Other  | 429                        | 725              |
|  | <u>\$ 110,250</u>          | <u>\$ 88,757</u> |

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

| <i>(in millions)</i>   | Q3 2009               | Full Year 2009        |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|  | Outlook               | Outlook               |
| Interest expense on debt obligations                         | \$98 to \$100         | \$380 to \$385        |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs                     | \$6 to \$8            | \$26 to \$28          |
| Amortization of discounts on long-term debt                  | \$3 to \$4            | \$11 to \$13          |
| Amortization of interest rate swaps                          | \$4 to \$6            | \$16 to \$18          |
| Amortization of purchase price adjustments on long-term debt | \$0 to \$0            | \$0 to \$0            |
| Other  | \$0 to \$1            | \$1 to \$3            |
|  | <u>\$113 to \$115</u> | <u>\$441 to \$446</u> |

**Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

This press release includes presentations of Adjusted EBITDA and recurring cash flow, which are non-GAAP financial measures.

Crown Castle 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 Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”)).

Crown Castle defines recurring cash flow to be Adjusted EBITDA, less interest expense and less sustaining capital expenditures. Each of the amounts included in the calculation of recurring cash flow are computed in accordance with GAAP, with the exception of sustaining capital expenditures, which is not defined under GAAP. We define sustaining capital expenditures as capital expenditures (determined in accordance with GAAP) which do not increase the capacity or life of our revenue generating assets and include capitalized costs related to (i) maintenance activities on our towers, (ii) vehicles, (iii) information technology equipment, and (iv) office equipment. Recurring cash flow is not intended as an alternative measure of cash flow from operations or operating results (as determined in accordance with GAAP).

Adjusted EBITDA and recurring cash flow are presented as additional information because management believes these measures are useful indicators of the financial performance of our core businesses. In addition, Adjusted EBITDA is a measure of current financial performance used in our debt covenant calculations. Our measures of Adjusted EBITDA and recurring cash flow may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, including other companies in the tower sector. The tables set forth below reconcile these non-GAAP financial measures to comparable GAAP financial measures.

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**Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to Comparable GAAP Financial Measures:**

**Adjusted EBITDA, recurring cash flow and recurring cash flow per share for the quarters ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 are computed as follows:**

| <i>(in thousands, except per share amounts)</i>                     | For the Three Months Ended |                   |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|
|   | June 30,<br>2009           | June 30,<br>2008  |
| Net income (loss)   | \$ (111,767)               | \$ 60,339         |
| Adjustments to increase (decrease) net income (loss):               |                            |                   |
| Asset write-down charges  | 7,295                      | 4,993             |
| Acquisition and integration costs                                   | —                          | —                 |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion                            | 131,597                    | 131,896           |
| Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs       | 110,250                    | 88,757            |
| Gains (losses) on purchases and redemptions of debt                 | 98,676                     | —                 |
| Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps                              | 59,528                     | —                 |
| Interest and other income (expense)                                 | (3,249)                    | (206)             |
| Benefit (provision) for income taxes                                | (54,949)                   | (80,324)          |
| Stock-based compensation charges                                    | 9,481                      | 7,559             |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>  | <b>\$ 246,862</b>          | <b>\$ 213,014</b> |
| Less: Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs | 110,250                    | 88,757            |
| Less: Sustaining capital expenditures                               | 5,109                      | 5,017             |
| <b>Recurring cash flow</b>  | <b>\$ 131,503</b>          | <b>\$ 119,240</b> |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding — basic                  | 286,449                    | 279,428           |
| <b>Recurring cash flow per share</b>                                | <b>\$ 0.46</b>             | <b>\$ 0.43</b>    |

**Adjusted EBITDA and recurring cash flow for the quarter ending September 30, 2009 and the year ending December 31, 2009 are forecasted as follows:**

| <i>(in millions)</i>   | Q3 2009<br>Outlook    | Full Year 2009<br>Outlook |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Net income (loss)  | \$(26) to \$17        | \$(151) to \$(60)         |
| Adjustments to increase (decrease) net income (loss):                  |                       |                           |
| Asset write-down charges   | \$3 to \$6            | \$17 to \$24              |
| Gains (losses) on purchases and redemptions of debt                    | \$0 to \$1            | \$85 to \$96              |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion                               | \$130 to \$135        | \$525 to \$535            |
| Interest and other income (expense)                                    | \$(2) to \$1          | \$(7) to \$(1)            |
| Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps (a)                             | \$(5) to \$5          | \$50 to \$60              |
| Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs(b)       | \$113 to \$115        | \$441 to \$446            |
| Benefit (provision) for income taxes                                   | \$(11) to \$0         | \$(84) to \$(60)          |
| Stock-based compensation charges                                       | \$6 to \$9            | \$28 to \$36              |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>   | <b>\$246 to \$251</b> | <b>\$985 to \$995</b>     |
| Less: Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs(b) | \$113 to \$115        | \$441 to \$446            |
| Less: Sustaining capital expenditures                                  | \$8 to \$11           | \$26 to \$31              |
| <b>Recurring cash flow</b>   | <b>\$123 to \$128</b> | <b>\$513 to \$523</b>     |

(a) Based on the interest rates and yield curves in effect as of July 24, 2009.

(b) Inclusive of approximately \$17 million and \$60 million, respectively, of non-cash expense.

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**Other Calculations:**

**Sustaining capital expenditures for the quarters ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 is computed as follows:**

| <i>(in thousands)</i>                       | For the Three Months Ended |                  |
|---|----------------------------|------------------|
|   | June 30,<br>2009           | June 30,<br>2008 |
| Capital Expenditures                        | \$ 39,624                  | \$ 140,747       |
| Less: Revenue enhancing on existing sites   | 28,193                     | 18,356           |
| Less: Land purchases                        | 1,741                      | 73,525           |
| Less: New site acquisition and construction | 4,581                      | 43,849           |
| <b>Sustaining capital expenditures</b>      | <b>\$ 5,109</b>            | <b>\$ 5,017</b>  |

**Site rental gross margin for the quarter ending September 30, 2009 and for the year ending December 31, 2009 is forecasted as follows:**

| <i>(in millions)</i>                 | Q3 2009               | Full Year 2009            |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
|                                      | Outlook               | Outlook                   |
| Site rental revenues                 | \$385 to \$390        | \$1,520 to \$1,530        |
| Less: Site rental cost of operations | \$114 to \$120        | \$455 to \$460            |
| <b>Site rental gross margin</b>      | <b>\$268 to \$273</b> | <b>\$1,063 to \$1,073</b> |

**Cautionary Language Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements and information that are based on our management's current expectations. Such statements include, but are not limited to, plans, projections, Outlook and estimates regarding (i) leasing demand for our sites and towers, including new tenants and revenues which may result from leasing applications, (ii) the completion, terms, impact, interest expense and use of proceeds of the \$250 million issuance of senior secured notes, Series 2009-1, (iii) the structure and terms of any future financings, (iv) the repayment, repurchase or refinancing of our debt, including timing with respect thereto, (v) cash, cash equivalents and revolving credit facility availability, (vi) currency exchange rates, including the impact on our results, (vii) site rental revenues, (viii) site rental cost of operations, (ix) site rental gross margin, (x) Adjusted EBITDA, (xi) interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs, (xii) capital expenditures, including sustaining capital expenditures, (xiii) recurring cash flow, including on a per share basis, (xiv) net income (loss), including on a per share basis, and (xv) the utility of certain financial measures in analyzing our results. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including but not limited to prevailing market conditions and the following:

- We have a substantial amount of indebtedness, including our tower revenue notes which we anticipate refinancing or repaying within the next three years. In the event we do not repay or refinance such indebtedness, we could face substantial liquidity issues and might be required to issue equity securities or securities convertible into equity securities, or sell some of our assets to meet our debt payment obligations.
- Our substantial level of indebtedness could adversely affect our ability to react to changes in our business, and the terms of our debt instruments limit our ability to take a number of actions that our management might otherwise believe to be in our best interests. In addition, if we fail to comply with our covenants, our debt could be accelerated.
- Our interest rate swaps are currently in a substantial liability position and will need to be cash settled within the next three years, which could adversely affect our financial condition.
- Our business depends on the demand for wireless communications and towers, and we may be adversely affected by any slowdown in such demand.

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- A substantial portion of our revenues is derived from a small number of customers, and the loss, consolidation or financial instability of, or network sharing among, any of our limited number of customers may materially decrease revenues.
- Consolidation among our customers may result in duplicate or overlapping parts of networks, which may result in a reduction of sites and have a negative effect on revenues and cash flows.
- Sales or issuances of a substantial number of shares of our common stock may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.
- A wireless communications industry slowdown may materially and adversely affect our business (including reducing demand for our towers and network services) and the business of our customers.
- As a result of competition in our industry, including from some competitors with significantly more resources or less debt than we have, we may find it more difficult to achieve favorable rental rates on our towers.
- New technologies may significantly reduce demand for our towers and negatively impact our revenues.
- New wireless technologies may not deploy or be adopted by customers as rapidly or in the manner projected.
- If we fail to retain rights to the land under our towers, our business may be adversely affected.
- If we are unable to raise capital in the future when needed, we may not be able to fund future growth opportunities.
- Our lease relating to our Spectrum has certain risk factors different from our core tower business, including that the Spectrum lease may not be renewed or continued, that the option to acquire the Spectrum may not be exercised, and that the Spectrum may not be deployed, which may result in the revenues derived from the Spectrum being less than those that may otherwise have been anticipated.
- If we fail to comply with laws and regulations which regulate our business and which may change at any time, we may be fined or even lose our right to conduct some of our business.
- Our network services business has historically experienced significant volatility in demand, which reduces the predictability of our results.
- If radio frequency emissions from wireless handsets or equipment on our towers are demonstrated to cause negative health effects, potential future claims could adversely affect our operations, costs and revenues.
- Certain provisions of our certificate of incorporation, bylaws and operative agreements and domestic and international competition laws may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us or for us to acquire control of a third party, even if such a change in control would be beneficial to our stockholders.
- We are exposed to counterparty risk through our interest rate swaps and a counterparty default could adversely affect our financial condition.
- We may be adversely affected by our exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates relating to our operations in Australia.

Should one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those expected. More information about potential risk factors which could affect our results is included in our filings with the SEC.

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**CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (UNAUDITED)**  
(in thousands)

|   | <b>June 30,<br/>2009</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2008</b> |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                          |                              |
| Current assets:   |                          |                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 334,989               | \$ 155,219                   |
| Restricted cash   | 190,886                  | 147,852                      |
| Receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts                         | 35,927                   | 37,621                       |
| Deferred income tax assets  | 72,885                   | 28,331                       |
| Prepaid expenses, deferred site rental receivables and other current assets | 106,547                  | 116,145                      |
| Total current assets  | 741,234                  | 485,168                      |
| Restricted cash   | 5,000                    | 5,000                        |
| Deferred site rental receivables  | 185,157                  | 144,474                      |
| Property and equipment, net   | 4,964,104                | 5,060,126                    |
| Goodwill  | 1,984,183                | 1,983,950                    |
| Other intangible assets, net  | 2,478,757                | 2,551,332                    |
| Deferred financing costs and other assets, net of accumulated amortization  | 193,978                  | 131,672                      |
|   | <u>\$ 10,552,413</u>     | <u>\$ 10,361,722</u>         |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>   |                          |                              |
| Current liabilities:  |                          |                              |
| Accounts payable  | \$ 27,324                | \$ 33,808                    |
| Deferred rental revenues and other accrued liabilities                      | 294,641                  | 281,794                      |
| Interest rate swaps   | 161,805                  | 52,539                       |
| Short-term debt and current maturities of long-term debt                    | 248,720                  | 466,217                      |
| Total current liabilities   | 732,490                  | 834,358                      |
| Long-term debt, less current maturities                                     | 6,024,623                | 5,630,527                    |
| Deferred income tax liability   | 72,747                   | 40,446                       |
| Interest rate swaps   | 119,783                  | 488,632                      |
| Other liabilities   | 363,931                  | 337,168                      |
| Total liabilities   | 7,313,574                | 7,331,131                    |
| Redeemable preferred stock  | 315,190                  | 314,726                      |
| CCIC Stockholders' equity   | 2,924,695                | 2,715,865                    |
| Noncontrolling interest   | (1,046)                  | —                            |
| Total equity  | 2,923,649                | 2,715,865                    |
|   | <u>\$ 10,552,413</u>     | <u>\$ 10,361,722</u>         |

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**CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)**  
**AND OTHER FINANCIAL DATA**  
(in thousands, except per share data)

|   | Three Months Ended  |                   | Six Months Ended    |                   |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|   | June 30,            |                   | June 30,            |                   |
|   | 2009                | 2008              | 2009                | 2008              |
| <b>Net revenues:</b>  |                     |                   |                     |                   |
| Site rental   | \$ 376,444          | \$ 348,523        | \$ 744,111          | \$ 693,556        |
| Network services and other  | 33,430              | 30,990            | 68,673              | 56,578            |
| Total net revenues  | <u>409,874</u>      | <u>379,513</u>    | <u>812,784</u>      | <u>750,134</u>    |
| <b>Costs of operations (exclusive of depreciation, amortization and accretion):</b>   |                     |                   |                     |                   |
| Site rental   | 113,382             | 113,746           | 223,080             | 226,126           |
| Network services and other  | 21,009              | 21,820            | 43,070              | 40,231            |
| Total costs of operations   | <u>134,391</u>      | <u>135,566</u>    | <u>266,150</u>      | <u>266,357</u>    |
| General and administrative  | 38,102              | 38,492            | 74,739              | 73,478            |
| Asset write-down charges  | 7,295               | 4,993             | 11,386              | 6,297             |
| Acquisition and integration costs   | —                   | —                 | —                   | 2,504             |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion  | 131,597             | 131,896           | 264,773             | 263,929           |
| Operating income (loss)   | <u>98,489</u>       | <u>68,566</u>     | <u>195,736</u>      | <u>137,569</u>    |
| Interest expense and amortization of deferred financing costs   | (110,250)           | (88,757)          | (215,837)           | (177,902)         |
| Gains (losses) on purchases and redemptions of debt   | (98,676)            | —                 | (85,326)            | —                 |
| Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps  | (59,528)            | —                 | (55,733)            | —                 |
| Interest and other income (expense)   | 3,249               | 206               | 3,003               | 2,516             |
| Income (loss) before income taxes   | (166,716)           | (19,985)          | (158,157)           | (37,817)          |
| Benefit (provision) for income taxes  | 54,949              | 80,324            | 56,440              | 84,983            |
| Net income (loss)   | <u>(111,767)</u>    | <u>60,339</u>     | <u>(101,717)</u>    | <u>47,166</u>     |
| Less: Net income (loss) attributable to the noncontrolling interest   | (349)               | —                 | (876)               | —                 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders   | <u>(111,418)</u>    | <u>60,339</u>     | <u>(100,841)</u>    | <u>47,166</u>     |
| Dividends on preferred stock  | <u>(5,201)</u>      | <u>(5,201)</u>    | <u>(10,402)</u>     | <u>(10,403)</u>   |
| Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC stockholders after deduction of dividends on preferred stock                                   | <u>\$ (116,619)</u> | <u>\$ 55,138</u>  | <u>\$ (111,243)</u> | <u>\$ 36,763</u>  |
| <b>Net income (loss) attributable to CCIC common stockholders, after deduction of dividends on preferred stock, per common share:</b> |                     |                   |                     |                   |
| Basic   | \$ (0.41)           | \$ 0.20           | \$ (0.39)           | \$ 0.13           |
| Diluted   | \$ (0.41)           | \$ 0.19           | \$ (0.39)           | \$ 0.13           |
| <b>Weighted average common shares outstanding:</b>  |                     |                   |                     |                   |
| Basic   | 286,449             | 279,428           | 286,181             | 279,384           |
| Diluted   | 286,449             | 288,427           | 286,181             | 288,242           |
| Adjusted EBITDA   | <u>\$ 246,862</u>   | <u>\$ 213,014</u> | <u>\$ 489,258</u>   | <u>\$ 424,013</u> |
| <b>Stock-based compensation expenses:</b>   |                     |                   |                     |                   |
| Site rental cost of operations  | \$ 266              | \$ 210            | \$ 469              | \$ 508            |
| Network services and other cost of operations   | 343                 | 238               | 595                 | 371               |
| General and administrative  | 8,872               | 7,111             | 16,299              | 12,835            |
| Total   | <u>\$ 9,481</u>     | <u>\$ 7,559</u>   | <u>\$ 17,363</u>    | <u>\$ 13,714</u>  |

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**CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)**  
(in thousands)

|   | <b>Six Months Ended</b> |                  |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|
|   | <b>June 30,</b>         |                  |
|   | <b>2009</b>             | <b>2008</b>      |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>  |                         |                  |
| Net income (loss)   | \$ (101,717)            | \$ 47,166        |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities: |                         |                  |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion  | 264,773                 | 263,929          |
| Gains (losses) on purchases and redemptions of long-term debt                                       | 85,326                  | —                |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs and other non-cash interest                                | 25,662                  | 11,070           |
| Stock-based compensation expense  | 15,031                  | 12,040           |
| Asset write-down charges  | 11,386                  | 6,297            |
| Deferred income tax benefit (provision)   | (59,780)                | (83,312)         |
| Income (expense) from forward-starting interest rate swaps  | 55,733                  | —                |
| Other adjustments, net  | 380                     | 742              |
| Changes in assets and liabilities, excluding the effects of acquisitions:                           |                         |                  |
| Increase (decrease) in liabilities  | 8,105                   | (4,519)          |
| Decrease (increase) in assets   | (35,441)                | (37,302)         |
| Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities  | <u>269,458</u>          | <u>216,111</u>   |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>  |                         |                  |
| Proceeds from disposition of property and equipment   | 3,172                   | 1,117            |
| Payment for acquisitions (net of cash acquired) of businesses                                       | (1,739)                 | —                |
| Capital expenditures  | (78,908)                | (202,434)        |
| Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities  | <u>(77,475)</u>         | <u>(201,317)</u> |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>  |                         |                  |
| Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt  | 1,978,848               | —                |
| Proceeds from issuance of capital stock   | 9,778                   | 6,506            |
| Principal payments on long-term debt  | (3,250)                 | (3,250)          |
| Purchases and redemptions of long-term debt   | (1,721,486)             | —                |
| Purchases of capital stock  | (1,218)                 | (44,338)         |
| Borrowings under revolving credit agreements  | 50,000                  | 75,000           |
| Payments under revolving credit agreements  | (219,400)               | —                |
| Payments for financing costs  | (49,815)                | (1,538)          |
| Net (increase) decrease in restricted cash  | (43,034)                | (15,082)         |
| Dividends on preferred stock  | (9,938)                 | (9,939)          |
| Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities  | <u>(9,515)</u>          | <u>7,359</u>     |
| <b>Effect of exchange rate changes on cash</b>  | (2,698)                 | 1,356            |
| <b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>   | 179,770                 | 23,509           |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period</b>   | 155,219                 | 75,245           |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>   | <u>\$ 334,989</u>       | <u>\$ 98,754</u> |
| <b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>  |                         |                  |
| Interest paid   | \$ 145,643              | \$ 164,867       |
| Income taxes paid   | 4,424                   | 3,382            |

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**CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP.**

**Summary Fact Sheet**

(dollars in thousands)

|                                      | Quarter Ended 9/30/08 |                  |                   | Quarter Ended 12/31/08 |                 |                   | Quarter Ended 3/31/09 |                  |                   | Quarter Ended 6/30/09 |                  |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                                      | CCUSA                 | CCAL             | CCIC              | CCUSA                  | CCAL            | CCIC              | CCUSA                 | CCAL             | CCIC              | CCUSA                 | CCAL             | CCIC              |
| <b>Revenues</b>                      |                       |                  |                   |                        |                 |                   |                       |                  |                   |                       |                  |                   |
| Site Rental                          | \$ 332,715            | \$ 21,269        | \$ 353,984        | \$ 339,262             | \$ 15,757       | \$ 355,019        | \$ 350,695            | \$ 16,972        | \$ 367,667        | \$ 358,511            | \$ 17,933        | \$ 376,444        |
| Services                             | 27,972                | 2,392            | 30,364            | 34,570                 | 2,433           | 37,003            | 33,451                | 1,792            | 35,243            | 32,098                | 1,332            | 33,430            |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                | <b>360,687</b>        | <b>23,661</b>    | <b>384,348</b>    | <b>373,832</b>         | <b>18,190</b>   | <b>392,022</b>    | <b>384,146</b>        | <b>18,764</b>    | <b>402,910</b>    | <b>390,609</b>        | <b>19,265</b>    | <b>409,874</b>    |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>            |                       |                  |                   |                        |                 |                   |                       |                  |                   |                       |                  |                   |
| Site Rental                          | 109,757               | 6,001            | 115,758           | 109,233                | 5,006           | 114,239           | 104,979               | 4,719            | 109,698           | 107,983               | 5,399            | 113,382           |
| Services                             | 18,878                | 1,663            | 20,541            | 20,803                 | 877             | 21,680            | 20,919                | 1,142            | 22,061            | 19,915                | 1,094            | 21,009            |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>      | <b>128,635</b>        | <b>7,664</b>     | <b>136,299</b>    | <b>130,036</b>         | <b>5,883</b>    | <b>135,919</b>    | <b>125,898</b>        | <b>5,861</b>     | <b>131,759</b>    | <b>127,898</b>        | <b>6,493</b>     | <b>134,391</b>    |
| <b>General &amp; Administrative</b>  | <b>33,220</b>         | <b>4,217</b>     | <b>37,437</b>     | <b>35,342</b>          | <b>3,329</b>    | <b>38,671</b>     | <b>33,309</b>         | <b>3,328</b>     | <b>36,637</b>     | <b>34,069</b>         | <b>4,033</b>     | <b>38,102</b>     |
| <b>Add: Stock-Based Compensation</b> | <b>6,346</b>          | <b>754</b>       | <b>7,100</b>      | <b>7,510</b>           | <b>443</b>      | <b>7,953</b>      | <b>6,976</b>          | <b>906</b>       | <b>7,882</b>      | <b>8,055</b>          | <b>1,426</b>     | <b>9,481</b>      |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>               | <b>\$ 205,178</b>     | <b>\$ 12,534</b> | <b>\$ 217,712</b> | <b>\$ 215,964</b>      | <b>\$ 9,421</b> | <b>\$ 225,385</b> | <b>\$ 231,915</b>     | <b>\$ 10,481</b> | <b>\$ 242,396</b> | <b>\$ 236,697</b>     | <b>\$ 10,165</b> | <b>\$ 246,862</b> |
|                                      |                       |                  |                   |                        |                 |                   |                       |                  |                   |                       |                  |                   |
|                                      | Quarter Ended 9/30/08 |                  |                   | Quarter Ended 12/31/08 |                 |                   | Quarter Ended 3/31/09 |                  |                   | Quarter Ended 6/30/09 |                  |                   |
|                                      | CCUSA                 | CCAL             | CCIC              | CCUSA                  | CCAL            | CCIC              | CCUSA                 | CCAL             | CCIC              | CCUSA                 | CCAL             | CCIC              |
| <b>Gross Margins:</b>                |                       |                  |                   |                        |                 |                   |                       |                  |                   |                       |                  |                   |
| Site Rental                          | 67%                   | 72%              | 67%               | 68%                    | 68%             | 68%               | 70%                   | 72%              | 70%               | 70%                   | 70%              | 70%               |
| Services                             | 33%                   | 30%              | 32%               | 40%                    | 64%             | 41%               | 37%                   | 36%              | 37%               | 38%                   | 18%              | 37%               |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA Margin</b>        | <b>57%</b>            | <b>53%</b>       | <b>57%</b>        | <b>58%</b>             | <b>52%</b>      | <b>57%</b>        | <b>60%</b>            | <b>56%</b>       | <b>60%</b>        | <b>61%</b>            | <b>53%</b>       | <b>60%</b>        |

**Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measure (Adjusted EBITDA) to GAAP Financial Measure:**

(dollars in thousands)

|  | Quarter Ended      |                    |                   |                     |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|  | 9/30/2008          | 12/31/2008         | 3/31/2009         | 6/30/2009           |
| <b>Net income (loss)</b>                                     | <b>\$ (32,207)</b> | <b>\$ (63,817)</b> | <b>\$ 10,050</b>  | <b>\$ (111,767)</b> |
| <b>Adjustments to increase (decrease) net income (loss):</b> |                    |                    |                   |                     |
| Asset write-down charges                                     | 2,902              | 7,689              | 4,091             | 7,295               |
| Acquisition and integration costs                            | —                  | —                  | —                 | —                   |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion                     | 131,714            | 130,799            | 133,176           | 131,597             |
| Gains (losses) on purchases and redemptions of debt          | —                  | (42)               | (13,350)          | 98,676              |
| Interest and other income (expense)                          | 847                | (431)              | 246               | (3,249)             |
| Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps                       | (2,404)            | 40,292             | (3,795)           | 59,528              |
| Interest expense, amortization of deferred financing costs   | 88,138             | 88,074             | 105,587           | 110,250             |
| Impairment of available-for-sale securities                  | 23,718             | 32,150             | —                 | —                   |
| Benefit (provision) for income taxes                         | (2,096)            | (17,282)           | (1,491)           | (54,949)            |
| Stock-based compensation                                     | 7,100              | 7,953              | 7,882             | 9,481               |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>                                       | <b>\$ 217,712</b>  | <b>\$ 225,385</b>  | <b>\$ 242,396</b> | <b>\$ 246,862</b>   |

**CCI FACT SHEET Q2 2008 to Q2 2009**

dollars in thousands

|   | <u>Q2 '08</u> | <u>Q2 '09</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>CCUSA</b>                            |               |               |                 |
| Site Rental Revenues                    | \$ 328,952    | \$ 358,511    | 9%              |
| Ending Sites                            | 22,461        | 22,425        | 0%              |
| <b>CCAL</b>                             |               |               |                 |
| Site Rental Revenues                    | \$ 19,571     | \$ 17,933     | -8%             |
| Ending Sites                            | 1,449         | 1,591         | 10%             |
| <b>TOTAL CCIC</b>                       |               |               |                 |
| Site Rental Revenues                    | \$ 348,523    | \$ 376,444    | 8%              |
| Ending Sites                            | 23,910        | 24,016        | 0%              |
| Ending Cash and Cash Equivalents        | \$ 98,754*    | \$ 334,989*   |                 |
| <b>Debt</b>                             |               |               |                 |
| Bank Debt                               | \$ 791,875    | \$ 635,375    |                 |
| Securitized Debt & Other Notes          | \$ 5,350,870  | \$ 5,637,968  |                 |
| Total Debt                              | \$ 6,142,745  | \$ 6,273,343  |                 |
| <b>Leverage Ratios</b>                  |               |               |                 |
| Net Debt / EBITDA                       | 7.1x          | 6.0x          |                 |
| Last Quarter Annualized Adjusted EBITDA | \$ 852,056    | \$ 987,448    |                 |

\* Excludes Restricted Cash