

HAWK E BLAKE
Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HAWK E BLAKE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [CCI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1220 AUGUSTA, SUITE 500
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/18/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & General Counsel

HOUSTON, TX 77057

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | 12/18/2009 | | M | | 7,174 (1) \$ 23.375 | A | 513,271 D |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | 12/18/2009 | | S | | 7,174 (1) \$ 37.9 | D | 506,097 D |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | 12/18/2009 | | M | | 26,000 (1) \$ 24.688 | A | 532,097 D |

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|--|------------|---|----------------------|---|-----------|---------|---|--------------------|
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | 12/18/2009 | S | <u>26,000</u> (1) | D | \$ 37.9 | 506,097 | D | |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | 12/18/2009 | M | <u>16,712</u> (1) | A | \$ 30.875 | 522,809 | D | |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | 12/18/2009 | S | <u>16,712</u> (1) | D | \$ 37.9 | 506,097 | D | |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | | | | | | 365 (2) | I | By 401 (k) Plan |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock) | \$ 23.375 | 12/18/2009 | | M | <u>7,174</u> (1) | <u>(3)</u> | 12/20/2010 | Common Stock | 7,174 |
| Stock Option (right to purchase Common | \$ 24.688 | 12/18/2009 | | M | <u>26,000</u> (1) | <u>(4)</u> | 02/22/2011 | Common Stock | 26,000 |

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|-----------|-----------|------------|--|---|--------|-----|------------|--------|--------|
| Stock) | | | | | | | | | |
| Stock | | | | | | | | | |
| Option | | | | | | | | | |
| (right to | \$ 30.875 | 12/18/2009 | | M | 16,712 | (5) | 11/15/2010 | Common | 16,712 |
| purchase | | | | | (1) | | | Stock | |
| Common | | | | | | | | | |
| Stock) | | | | | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HAWK E BLAKE 1220 AUGUSTA SUITE 500 HOUSTON, TX 77057 | | | EVP & General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ E. Blake
Hawk

12/21/2009

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option exercises and sales reported pursuant to this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) Represents shares previously acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Vested one-third at the time of grant on December 20, 2000, with the remaining two-thirds vesting annually in an equal number over five years.
- (4) Vested one-third per year over three years, with the first vesting on February 22, 2002.
- (5) Vested one-third at the time of grant on November 15, 2000, with the remaining two-thirds vesting annually in an equal number over five years.

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