

CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP
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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 *
 Abrams David C

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)
 222 BERKELEY STREET, 22ND FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/19/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
 BOSTON, MA 02116

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/19/2009		A	6,250 (1)	\$ 0 13,071	D	
Common Stock					11,609,999	I	See Footnote (2)

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Name of Reporting Person
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Abrams David C
222 BERKELEY STREET, 22ND FLOOR X
BOSTON, MA 02116

Signatures

/s/ David C.
Abrams 02/23/2009

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) These shares were issued pursuant to the Issuer's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, as a component of non-employee director compensation.

The shares reported herein are held by private investment funds of which Mr. Abrams, directly or indirectly, is the managing member of the general partner and/or is the managing member of the investment manager. In such capacities, Mr. Abrams may be deemed to have

(2) voting and investment power with respect to all shares being reported herein. Mr. Abrams disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of the shares reported herein for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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