

HAWK E BLAKE  
Form 4  
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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  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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 Price		
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/18/2009		M		7,174 (1)	A	\$ 23.375 513,271 D
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/18/2009		S		7,174 (1)	D	\$ 37.9 506,097 D
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	12/18/2009		M		26,000 (1)	A	\$ 24.688 532,097 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 <u>(2)</u>	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
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 Stock)	\$ 24.688	12/18/2009		M	<u>26,000</u> (1)	<u>(4)</u> 02/22/2011	Common Stock	26,000

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

## 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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