

CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP  
 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)  
**02/19/2009**

\_\_\_\_ 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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2009		A		39,836 (1)	A	\$ 0 383,336	D
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2009		A		178,418 (2) (3)	A	\$ 0 561,754	D
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	02/23/2009		D		55,657 (4)	D	\$ 0 506,097	D

Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	365 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan
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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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## 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

02/23/2009

\*\*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).

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The stock is restricted stock issued pursuant to the Company's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, and 33 1/3% of the restricted stock generally vests (i.e., the transfer and forfeiture restrictions terminate) on February 19 of each of 2010, 2011 and 2012.

The shares represent restricted stock issued under the Company's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. The terms of such restricted stock provide for 0% to 100% of the shares to vest (i.e., the transfer and forfeiture restrictions terminate) on February 19, 2012 based upon the

- (2) Company's common stock highest average per share price for 20 consecutive trading days between August 24, 2011 and February 19, 2012 ("Highest Average Price"). The percentage of shares vesting being equal to 25%, 50% or 100% of the number of shares of restricted stock granted if the Highest Average Price is \$23.15, \$28.10 or \$39.06, respectively. (footnote continues at footnote 3)

(footnote 2 continued) If the Highest Average Price is between \$23.15 and \$28.10, then an additional amount up to 25% shall vest on a prorata basis (approximately 5% per \$1.00 increase in the Highest Average Price above \$23.15). If the Highest Average Price is between

- (3) \$28.10 and \$39.06, then an additional amount up to 50% shall vest on a prorata basis (approximately 4.56% per \$1.00 increase in the Highest Average Price above \$28.10). If the stock price is at or above \$23.15 per share as of February 19, 2012 and remains at or above for 20 consecutive trading days, then a minimum of 25% of the shares of restricted stock shall vest. Any shares of such restricted stock that do not vest as described in the preceding sentence will generally be forfeited.

FORFEITED AND TERMINATED RESTRICTED STOCK AS A RESULT OF THE VESTING (FORFEITURE LAPSE)

- (4) PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS NOT BEING SATISFIED (i.e. the Common Stock not closing at or above \$42.50 per share for 20 consecutive trading days which included any date on or between September 22, 2008 and February 23, 2009). The forfeiture is an exempt transaction pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).

- (5) Represents shares previously acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).

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