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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1

TO

FORM S-4

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

SBA COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Florida **65-0716501**
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
Organization)

8051 Congress Avenue

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of the securities to the public: From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective.

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If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per unit⁽¹⁾	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price⁽¹⁾	Amount of registration fee
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	4,000,000 shares	\$33.42	\$133,680,000	\$4,104 ⁽²⁾

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and based upon the average high and low prices of the Class A Common Stock reported by The Nasdaq Global Select Market on November 14, 2007.

(2) Previously paid in connection with the initial filing of this registration statement on November 16, 2007.

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration

statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until this registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On January 13, 2017, in connection with the election by SBA Communications Corporation, a Florida corporation, to be subject to tax as a real estate investment trust (REIT) for federal income tax purposes, SBA Communications Corporation merged with and into its wholly owned subsidiary, SBA Communications REIT Corporation, a Florida corporation, with SBA Communications REIT Corporation as the surviving corporation. We refer to SBA Communications Corporation as the Predecessor Registrant and SBA Communications REIT Corporation as the Registrant. The merger occurred pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of November 10, 2016, which we refer to as the merger agreement, and was approved by the requisite vote of shareholders at a special meeting of the shareholders of the Predecessor Registrant held on January 12, 2017. At 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on January 13, 2017, the effective time of the merger, the Registrant changed its name from SBA Communications REIT Corporation to SBA Communications Corporation. Immediately after the merger, the Registrant succeeded to and continued the business and assumed the obligations of the Predecessor Registrant immediately prior to the merger. Unless otherwise indicated, references to we, us, our, the Company and SBA Communications Corporation refer to the Registrant, its subsidiaries and its predecessor, the Predecessor Registrant.

At the effective time of the merger, pursuant to the merger agreement, the outstanding shares of the Predecessor Registrant's Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, were converted into the right to receive an equal number of shares of the Registrant's Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, which are subject to the share ownership and transfer restrictions described in the prospectus that forms a part of this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1.

The issuance of the shares of the Registrant's Class A common stock was registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Securities Act, pursuant to the Registrant's registration statement on Form S-4, as amended (File No. 333-213949), which was declared effective by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on December 5, 2016. Shares of the Registrant's Class A common stock trade on the same exchange, the NASDAQ Global Select Market, and under the same symbol, SBAC, as the shares of the Predecessor Registrant Class A common stock prior to the merger.

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 pertains to the adoption by the Registrant of the Predecessor Registrant's Registration Statement No. 333-147473.

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 is being filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 414 under the Securities Act, as the successor issuer to the Predecessor Registrant following the merger. In accordance with Rule 414(d), the Registrant, as successor to the Predecessor Registrant, hereby expressly adopts the Registration Statement as its own for all purposes of the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

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Prospectus

The information in this Prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This Prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, Dated January 17, 2017

4,000,000 Shares

SBA Communications Corporation

Class A Common Stock

This prospectus registered up to an aggregate of 4,000,000 shares of Class A common stock we may offer in connection with acquisitions of wireless communications towers or antenna sites and related assets or companies that own wireless communications towers or antenna sites and related assets at various locations in the United States from time to time. As of the date of this prospectus, we had 1,701,631 shares of Class A common stock that remain available to be issued under this prospectus.

It is expected that the terms of these acquisitions will be determined by direct negotiations with the owners or controlling persons of the assets, businesses or securities to be acquired, and that the shares of Class A common stock issued will be valued at prices reasonably related to the market price of the Class A common stock either at the time an agreement is entered into concerning the terms of the acquisition or at or about the time the shares are delivered.

Our Class A common stock is listed and traded on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol SBAC. The last reported sale price of our Class A common stock on January 13, 2017 was \$105.57 per share. We will make application to list any shares of Class A common stock sold pursuant to a supplement to this prospectus on the Nasdaq Global Select Market.

Investing in the shares involves risks. See Risk Factors on page 3 of this prospectus. You should carefully review the risks and uncertainties described under the heading Risk Factors contained in the applicable prospectus supplement, and under similar headings in the other documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

January , 2017

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This prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this prospectus. We will provide you with copies of this information, without charge, upon written or oral request to:

SBA Communications Corporation

8051 Congress Avenue

Boca Raton, Florida 33487

Attention: Investor Relations

Phone: (561) 995-7670

Fax: (561) 998-3448

In order to receive timely delivery of this information, you should make your request no later than five business days before the date you must make your investment decision. For a more detailed discussion about the information about us that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, see Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference.

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About this Prospectus

This prospectus is part of a shelf registration statement on Form S-4 that we filed with the Commission. Under this shelf registration process, we, directly or through our wholly owned subsidiary, may in one or more offerings, sell up to an aggregate of 4,000,000 shares of our Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Class A common stock), in connection with the acquisition of wireless communications towers or antenna sites and related assets or companies that own wireless communications towers or antenna sites and related assets. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we or our wholly owned subsidiary may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement together with additional information described below under the heading Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference.

When used in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, the terms SBA, we, our, and us refer to SBA Communications Corporation and its subsidiaries. As part of its conversion to a real estate investment trust (REIT) for federal income tax purposes, effective at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, on January 13, 2017, SBA Communications Corporation merged with and into its wholly owned subsidiary, SBA Communications REIT Corporation, with SBA Communications REIT Corporation as the surviving corporation. At the effective time of the merger, SBA Communications REIT Corporation changed its name to SBA Communications Corporation. Prior to the effective time of the merger, SBA Communications Corporation refers to the predecessor company, and as of the effective time of the merger, SBA Communications Corporation refers to the successor entity.

The Company

We are a leading independent owner and operator of wireless communications tower structures, rooftops and other structures that support antennas used for wireless communications, which we collectively refer to as towers or sites. Our principal operations are in the United States and its territories. In addition, we own and operate towers in Canada, Central America, and South America. Our primary business line is our site leasing business, which contributed 98.5% of our total segment operating profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. In our site leasing business, we (1) lease antenna space to wireless service providers on towers that we own or operate and (2) manage rooftop and tower sites for property owners under various contractual arrangements. As of September 30, 2016, we owned 25,878 towers, a substantial portion of which have been built by us or built by other tower owners or operators who, like us, have built such towers to lease space to multiple wireless service providers. We also managed or leased approximately 5,500 actual or potential towers, approximately 500 of which were revenue producing as of September 30, 2016. Our other business line is our site development business, through which we assist wireless service providers in developing and maintaining their own wireless service networks.

In order to effect its conversion to a REIT for federal income tax purposes, effective January 13, 2017, SBA Communications Corporation merged with and into its wholly owned subsidiary, SBA Communications REIT Corporation. SBA Communications REIT Corporation was the surviving corporation, and was renamed SBA Communications Corporation.

Our principal executive offices are located at 8051 Congress Avenue, Boca Raton, FL 33487 and the telephone number is (561) 995-7670. SBA was founded in 1989 and incorporated in Florida in 1997. Our corporate website is www.sbasite.com. The information contained on our website is not part of this prospectus.

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Acquisition Terms

This document serves as our prospectus to offer up to 4,000,000 shares of our Class A common stock (of which 1,701,631 shares were still available to be issued as of the date of the registration statement on Form S-4 of which this prospectus forms a part) that we plan to use, from time to time, to acquire wireless communications towers or antenna sites and related assets or companies that own wireless communications towers or antenna sites and related assets at various locations in the United States. These shares of Class A common stock will be offered by us directly or through our wholly owned subsidiary which received the shares as a capital contribution. The consideration for the acquisition of these assets or equity interests may consist of the assumption of liabilities, issuances of our Class A common stock, and in certain cases, a portion of cash, or any combination of these items.

It is expected that the terms of acquisitions involving the issuance of the shares of Class A common stock covered by this prospectus will be determined by direct negotiations with the owners or controlling persons of the assets, businesses or securities to be acquired, and that the shares of Class A common stock issued will be valued at prices reasonably related to the market price of the Class A common stock either at the time an agreement is entered into concerning the terms of the acquisition or at or about the time the shares are delivered. No underwriting discounts or commissions will be paid, although finder's fees may be paid in connection with certain acquisitions. Any person receiving such fees may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any profit on the resale of shares of Class A common stock purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act.

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Risk Factors

Investing in our securities involves risks. Potential investors are urged to read and consider the risk factors relating to an investment in SBA described in our Annual Reports on Form 10-K and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference in this prospectus. The risks and uncertainties described in these risk factors are not the only ones facing our company. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently consider immaterial may also affect our business operations. When we offer and sell any securities pursuant to a prospectus supplement, we may include additional risk factors relevant to such securities in the prospectus supplement. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks as well as other information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement.

Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This prospectus and the documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. These statements concern expectations, beliefs, projections, plans and strategies, anticipated events or trends and similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts. Specifically, this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus contain forward-looking statements regarding:

our expectations on the future growth and financial health of the wireless industry and the industry participants, the drivers of such growth, the demand for our towers, and the trends developing in our industry;

our beliefs regarding our ability to capture and capitalize on industry growth and the impact of such growth on our financial and operational results;

our belief that over the long-term, site leasing revenues will continue to grow as wireless service providers increase their use of our towers due to increasing minutes of network use and data transfer, network expansion and network coverage requirements, on an organic basis, in our domestic and international segments;

our expectation that customer activity will primarily be in the form of, in the current environment, amendments to current leases as wireless service providers seek to upgrade their antennas and, in the long-term, new leases as these providers continue to expand and upgrade their networks;

our belief that our site leasing business is characterized by stable and long-term recurring revenues, predictable operating costs, and minimal non-discretionary capital expenditures;

our expectation that, due to the relatively young age and mix of our tower portfolio, future expenditures required to maintain these towers will be minimal;

our expectation that we will grow our cash flows by adding tenants to our towers at minimal incremental costs and executing monetary amendments;

our ability to qualify and to remain qualified as a REIT and the timing of such qualification;

our belief that our business is currently operated in a manner that complies with the REIT rules;

our belief that we will not be required to make an earnings and profits distribution in order to qualify as a REIT;

our plans regarding our distribution policy, and the amount and timing of, and source of funds for, any such distributions;

our expectations regarding the use of net operating losses (NOLs) to reduce REIT taxable income;

our expectations regarding foreign currency exchange rates;

our expectations regarding the churn rate of our non-iDEN tenant leases;

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our expectations regarding the impact of the Oi reorganization;

our expectations regarding our future cash capital expenditures, both discretionary and non-discretionary, including expenditures required to maintain, improve, and modify our towers, ground lease purchases, and general corporate expenditures, and the source of funds for these expenditures;

our intended use of our liquidity;

our expectations regarding our annual debt service in 2016 and thereafter, and our belief that our cash on hand, capacity under our Revolving Credit Facility, our cash flows from operations for the next twelve months, and future financings will be sufficient to service our outstanding debt during the next twelve months;

our belief regarding our credit risk; and

our estimates regarding certain accounting and tax matters.

These forward-looking statements reflect our current views about future events and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions. We wish to caution readers that certain important factors may have affected and could in the future affect our actual results and could cause actual results to differ significantly from those expressed in any forward-looking statement. The most important factors that could prevent us from achieving our goals, and cause the assumptions underlying forward-looking statements and the actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by those forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the following:

the impact of consolidation among wireless service providers on our leasing revenue;

our ability to continue to comply with covenants and the terms of our credit instruments and our ability to obtain additional financing to fund our capital expenditures;

our ability to successfully manage the risks associated with international operations, including risks relating to political or economic conditions, tax laws, currency restrictions and exchange rate fluctuations, legal or judicial systems, and land ownership;

our ability to successfully manage the risks associated with our acquisition initiatives, including our ability to effectively integrate acquired towers into our business and to achieve the financial results projected in our valuation models for the acquired towers;

developments in the wireless communications industry in general, and for wireless communications infrastructure providers in particular, that may slow growth or affect the willingness or ability of the wireless service providers to expend capital to fund network expansion or enhancements;

our ability to secure as many site leasing tenants as anticipated, recognize our expected economies of scale with respect to new tenants on our towers, and retain current leases on towers;

our ability to secure and deliver anticipated services business at contemplated margins;

our ability to build new towers, including our ability to identify and acquire land that would be attractive for our customers and to successfully and timely address zoning, permitting, weather, availability of labor and supplies and other issues that arise in connection with the building of new towers;

competition for the acquisition of towers and other factors that may adversely affect our ability to purchase towers that meet our investment criteria and are available at prices which we believe will be accretive to our shareholders and allow us to maintain our long-term target leverage ratios;

our ability to protect our rights to the land under our towers, and our ability to acquire land underneath our towers on terms that are accretive;

our ability to sufficiently increase our revenues and maintain expenses and cash capital expenditures at appropriate levels to permit us to meet our anticipated uses of liquidity for operations, debt service and estimated portfolio growth;

our ability to successfully estimate the impact of regulatory and litigation matters;

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our ability to successfully estimate the impact of certain accounting and tax matters, including the effect on our company of adopting certain accounting pronouncements and the availability of sufficient net operating losses to offset future taxable income;

natural disasters and other unforeseen damage for which our insurance may not provide adequate coverage;

a decrease in demand for our towers;

the willingness and ability of Oi to continue to make payments to us in accordance with the terms of our contracts;

the introduction of new technologies or changes in a tenant's business model that may make our tower leasing business less desirable to potential tenants;

our ability to qualify for treatment as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes and to comply with and conduct our business in accordance with such rules;

our ability to utilize available NOLs to reduce REIT taxable income; and

our ability to successfully estimate the impact of certain accounting and tax matters, including the effect on our company of adopting certain accounting pronouncements and the availability of sufficient NOLs to offset future REIT taxable income.

Each of the forward-looking statements included in this prospectus and incorporated by reference herein speak only as of the date on which that statement is made. We will not update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date on which the statement is made, except as required by law.

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The financial data as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2014 and 2015 has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. The financial data as of and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2012 has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements which are not incorporated by reference into this prospectus. The financial data as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2016 has been derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

The unaudited financial data has been derived from our books and records without audit and, in the opinion of management, includes all adjustments, (consisting only of normal, recurring adjustments) that management considers necessary for a fair statement of results for these periods. The financial information for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 is not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. The information in the following tables may not be comparable to the operations of SBA's future performance.

It is important for you to read the following summary of selected financial data together with the section entitled Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and SBA's consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

	For the year ended December 31,					Nine Months Ended	
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	September 30,	
	(audited)	(audited)	(audited)	(audited)	(audited)	2015	2016
	(in thousands, except for per share data)						
Operating data:							
Revenues:							
Site leasing	\$ 616,294	\$ 846,094	\$ 1,133,013	\$ 1,360,202	\$ 1,480,634	1,112,182	\$ 1,144,461
Site development	81,876	107,990	171,853	166,794	157,840	119,351	72,159
Total revenues	698,170	954,084	1,304,866	1,526,996	1,638,474	1,231,533	1,216,620
Operating expenses:							
Cost of revenues (exclusive of depreciation, accretion, and amortization shown below):							
Cost of site leasing	131,916	188,951	270,772	301,313	324,655	243,298	255,609
Cost of site development	71,005	90,556	137,481	127,172	119,744	91,662	59,021
Selling, general and administrative	62,828	72,148	85,476	103,317	114,951	86,017	110,326
Acquisition related adjustments and	7,144	40,433	19,198	7,798	11,864	7,483	8,974

expenses							
Asset impairment and decommission costs	5,472	6,383	28,960	23,801	94,783	74,185	23,180
Depreciation, accretion, and amortization	309,146	408,467	533,334	627,072	660,021	498,560	479,635
Total operating expenses	587,511	806,938	1,075,221	1,190,473	1,326,018	1,001,205	936,745
Operating income	110,659	147,146	229,645	336,523	312,456	230,328	279,875
Other income (expense):							
Interest income	136	1,128	1,794	677	3,894	2,284	7,704
Interest expense	(160,896)	(196,241)	(249,051)	(292,600)	(322,366)	(238,439)	(250,913)
Non-cash interest expense	(63,629)	(70,110)	(49,085)	(27,112)	(1,505)	(1,051)	(1,500)
Amortization of deferred financing fees	(9,188)	(12,870)	(15,560)	(17,572)	(19,154)	(13,973)	(16,035)
Loss from extinguishment of debt, net	(1,696)	(51,799)	(6,099)	(26,204)	(783)		(34,512)
Other income (expense), net	(165)	5,654	31,138	10,628	(139,137)	(178,710)	92,137
Total other expense	(235,438)	(324,238)	(286,863)	(352,183)	(479,051)	(429,889)	(203,119)
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes	(124,779)	(177,092)	(57,218)	(15,660)	(166,595)	(199,561)	76,756
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	(2,113)	(6,594)	1,309	(8,635)	(9,061)	(7,112)	(5,780)
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	(126,892)	(183,686)	(55,909)	(24,295)	(175,656)	(206,673)	70,976
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes		2,296					
Net income (loss)	(126,892)	(181,390)	(55,909)	(24,295)	(175,656)	(206,673)	70,976

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Net income attributable to the noncontrolling interest	436	353
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