

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)  
01/05/2010

\_\_\_\_ 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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value   | 01/05/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 4,821 (1) \$ 39.75  | 510,918  | D                                 |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value   | 01/05/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 4,821 (1) \$ 40.25  | 506,097  | D                                 |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value   |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 365 (2)  | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock) | \$ 39.75   | 01/05/2010                           |  | M                              | 4,821<br><u>(1)</u>   | <u>(3)</u> 03/08/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 4,821                         |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ E. Blake  
Hawk

01/05/2010

\*\*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.

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- (2) Represents shares previously acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Vested one-third at the time of the grant on March 8, 2000, with the remaining two-thirds vesting annually in an equal number over five years.

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