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CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP Form 4 February 23, 2016 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MORELAND W BENJAMIN Issuer Symbol **CROWN CASTLE** (Check all applicable) **INTERNATIONAL CORP** [CCI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 1220 AUGUSTA DR, SUITE 600 02/19/2016 President & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77057 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Ownership Owned (Instr. 8) (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common Stock 02/19/2016 Μ 8.398 \$0 649,985 D A \$0.01 Par Value Common Stock 02/19/2016 Μ 8.591 \$0 D 658.576 A \$0.01 Par Value Common Stock 40.633 F D D 02/19/2016 617,943 (1) 86.02 \$0.01 Par Value

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Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2016	D	33,971 D	\$ 0	583,972	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value					276 <u>(3)</u>	Ι	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)

De Se	Title of crivative curity (str. 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ve Expiration (Month/Day		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr.
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
	me SUs	<u>(4)</u>	02/19/2016		М	8,39 (5)	8 <u>(6)</u>	(6)	Common Stock	8,398	\$ (
	me SUs	<u>(4)</u>	02/19/2016		М	8,59 (5)	1 (7)	(7)	Common Stock	8,591	\$ (

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MORELAND W BENJAMIN 1220 AUGUSTA DR SUITE 600 HOUSTON, TX 77057	Х		President & CEO			

Signatures

/s/ W. Benjamin 02/23/2016 Moreland

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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).
- Represents shares withheld by the issurer to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation in connection with the vesting (i.e., (1) applicable transfer and forfeiture restriction termination) of certain shares of restricted stock and certain Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") previously granted to the Reporting Person. Such withholding is exempt from Section 16 (b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).

Represents the forfeiture and termination of the portion of the shares of performance restricted stock issued in 2013 which did not vest as (2) a result of the applicable performance conditions not achieving the level required for the vesting of all 109,510 shares of 2013 performance restricted stock originally granted.

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

Each RSU is issued pursuant to the Company's 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan and represents a contingent right to receive one share of (4) common stock, and vesting generally is subject to (i) the reporting person remaining an employee or director of the Company or its affiliates and (ii) the other criteria described in the footnotes below.

- (5) 33 1/3 % of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vested on February 19, 2016.
- These Time RSUs were previously granted on February 20, 2014. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vests on (6)February 19 of each of 2015, 2016 and 2017.

These Time RSUs were previously granted on February 12, 2015. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vest on (7) February 19 of each of 2016, 2017 and 2018.

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