HAWK E BLAKE
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1220 AUGUSTA, SUITE 500

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77057

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [CCI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/18/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	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	

Common Stock $0.01 Par Value	12/18/2009		S	26,000 (1)	D	$ 37.9	506,097	D	
Common Stock $0.01 Par Value	12/18/2009		M	16,712 (1)	A	$ 30.875	522,809	D	
Common Stock $0.01 Par Value	12/18/2009		S	16,712 (1)	D	$ 37.9	506,097	D	
Common Stock $0.01 Par Value							365 (2)	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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock)	$ 23.375	12/18/2009		M			7,174 (1)	(3)	12/20/2010	Common Stock	7,174
Stock Option (right to purchase Common	$ 24.688	12/18/2009		M			26,000 (1)	(4)	02/22/2011	Common Stock	26,000

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

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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