

CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP
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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 *
MORELAND W BENJAMIN

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)
 President & CEO

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 | | 51,371 (1) | A | \$ 0 587,348 | D |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | 02/19/2009 | | A | | 230,082 (2) (3) | A | \$ 0 817,430 | D |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | 02/23/2009 | | D | | 78,108 (4) | D | \$ 0 739,322 | D |

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- (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 \$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.
- (3)

- 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).

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