

MORELAND W BENJAMIN
Form 4
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FORM 4

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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)
12/18/2009

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)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | 12/18/2009 | | M | | 200,000 (1) | A | \$ 8.7 939,322 |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | 12/18/2009 | | S | | 200,000 (1) | D | \$ 38.0002 739,322 (2) |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock) | \$ 8.7 | 12/18/2009 | | M | 200,000 (1) | 09/25/2005 ⁽³⁾ | 09/25/2011 | Common Stock | 200,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MORELAND W BENJAMIN 1220 AUGUSTA SUITE 500 HOUSTON, TX 77057 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ W. Benjamin
Moreland

12/22/2009

__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 the weighted average price of sales transacted on December 18, 2009; such sales were conducted through 8 individual transactions on December 18, 2009, at sales prices ranging from \$38.00 to \$38.02 per share.
 - (3) Vested on September 25, 2005 (following the Company's common stock achieving a pre-established target price).

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