

CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP  
 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 \*  
 Brown Jay A.

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 DR, SUITE 600  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/18/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. VP, CFO & Treasurer

HOUSTON, TX 77057  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price   |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)       | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date  | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Time RSUs        | <u>(1)</u>                   | 02/18/2016       | A          | 10,399  |      |   |     |     | <u>(2)</u>       | <u>(2)</u>       | Common Stock | 10,399                     |
| Performance RSUs | <u>(1)</u>                   | 02/18/2016       | A          | 36,408  |      |   |     |     | <u>(3)(4)</u>    | <u>(3)(4)</u>    | Common Stock | 36,408                     |
| Time RSUs        | <u>(1)</u>                   | 02/18/2016       | A          | 5,801   |      |   |     |     | <u>(2)(5)</u>    | <u>(2)(5)</u>    | Common Stock | 5,801                      |
| Performance RSUs | <u>(1)</u>                   | 02/18/2016       | A          | 20,309  |      |   |     |     | <u>(3)(4)(5)</u> | <u>(3)(4)(5)</u> | Common Stock | 20,309                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Brown Jay A.<br>1220 AUGUSTA DR<br>SUITE 600<br>HOUSTON, TX 77057 |               |           | Sr. VP, CFO & Treasurer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jay A. Brown                      02/22/2016  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).
- Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") is issued pursuant to the Company's 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan and represents a contingent
- (1) right to receive one share of common stock, and vesting (i.e., forfeiture restriction termination) 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.
  - (2) 33 1/3% of the Time RSUs vest on February 19 of each of 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- 0% to 100% of the Performance RSUs vest on February 19, 2019 based upon the Company's total stockholder return ("TSR") performance ranking ("TSR Rank") relative to a peer group of companies approved by the Company's board of directors for the three year period ending February 18, 2019 ("Period"). If the TSR Rank is at the 30th percentile or more up to the 55th percentile, then 33.34% to
- (3) 66.67% of the Performance RSUs vest on a pro rata basis based upon the level of the TSR Rank (i.e., approximately an additional 1.3336% of the units vest for each 1.0 percentile increase in the TSR Rank above the 30th percentile up to the 55th percentile), with 66.67% of the Performance RSUs vesting at the 55th percentile. (Continued in Footnote 4)
  - (4) (Continued from Footnote 3) If the TSR Rank is at the 55th percentile or more, then 66.67% to 100% of the Performance RSUs vest on a pro rata basis based upon the level of the TSR Rank (i.e., approximately an additional 0.95229% of the units vest for each 1.0 percentile increase in the TSR Rank above the 55th percentile up to the 90th percentile (or above)), with 100% of the units vesting at or above the

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90th percentile. However, if the TSR is negative for the Period and the TSR Rank is at or above the 30th percentile, the percentage of units which vest shall be 33.34%. If the TSR Rank is below the 30th percentile, 100% of the Performance RSUs will be forfeited.

- In addition, the vesting of these RSUs is subject to and contingent upon the Reporting Person assuming the office of President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company on or before June 1, 2016. To the extent the Reporting Person does not assume such office, these RSUs will be forfeited (provided the Compensation Committee has the authority to waive, amend or extend such requirement).

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