MORELAND W BENJAMIN
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 *
MORELAND W BENJAMIN

(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)
12/22/2009

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

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

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	12/22/2009		M		200,000 (1)	A	$ 8.7	939,322	D	
Common Stock $0.01 Par Value	12/22/2009		S		200,000 (1)	D	$ 39.0077 (2)	739,322	D	

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 Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Share
Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock)	$ 8.7	12/22/2009		M			200,000 (1)	09/25/2005(3)	09/25/2011	Common Stock	200,

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	12/23/2009
**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 22, 2009; such sales were conducted through 20 individual transactions on December 22, 2009, at sales prices ranging from $39.00 to $39.07 per share.

(3) Vested on September 25, 2005 (following the Company's common stock achieving a pre-established target price).

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