

AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/  
Form 8-K  
March 08, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): March 8, 2011**

**AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**001-14195**  
(Commission

File Number)

**65-0723837**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**116 Huntington Avenue**

**Boston, Massachusetts 02116**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

**(617) 375-7500**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Items.**

On March 8, 2011, American Tower Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it had, through its local South African subsidiary, acquired approximately 960 existing towers from Cell C (Pty) Limited, a private company incorporated according to the laws of South Africa (Cell C), for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$140 million, using cash on hand, local financing, and funds contributed by South African investors who currently hold an approximate 25% minority stake in the subsidiary. The Company expects to acquire from Cell C approximately 440 additional existing towers during 2011 for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$60 million, subject to customary closing conditions. The Company's press release, dated March 8, 2011, is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release dated March 8, 2011.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION

**(Registrant)**

**Date:** March 8, 2011

**By:** /s/ **THOMAS A. BARTLETT**  
Thomas A. Bartlett  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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