#### MORELAND W BENJAMIN

Form 4

February 14, 2011

## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MORELAND W BENJAMIN Issuer Symbol **CROWN CASTLE** (Check all applicable) INTERNATIONAL CORP [CCI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1220 AUGUSTA, SUITE 500 02/10/2011 President & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77057 Person

| (City)                               | (State)                              | Zip) Table  | I - Non-De                             | erivative S                                   | ecuriti          | ies Acq | uired, Disposed o   | f, or Beneficial                                       | ly Owned                            |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|---------|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securitin(A) or Dis<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 | sposed           | of      | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned         | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I) | Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|                                      |                                      |   | Code V                                 | Amount  | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price   | Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4)   | (Instr. 4)                          |
| Common<br>Stock \$0.01<br>Par Value  | 02/10/2011                           |   | A                                      | 28,356<br>(1)                                 | A                | \$0     | 884,922   | D  |                                     |
| Common<br>Stock \$0.01<br>Par Value  | 02/10/2011                           |   | A                                      | 86,806<br>(2) (3)                             | A                | \$ 0    | 971,728   | 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)

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| 1. Title of | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.         | 6. Date Exerc                    | cisable and | 7. Titl | le and       | 8. Price of | 9 |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------------|-------------|---|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transact   | ionNumber  | Expiration Da                    | ate         | Amou    | int of       | Derivative  | J |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | of         | (Month/Day/                      | Year)       | Under   | lying        | Security    | , |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e                                |             | Secur   | ities        | (Instr. 5)  | ] |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |            | Securities |                                  |             | (Instr. | 3 and 4)     |             | ( |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |            | Acquired   |                                  |             |         |              |             | J |
|             | -           |                     |                    |            | (A) or     |                                  |             |         |              |             | J |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | Disposed   |                                  |             |         |              |             | - |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | of (D)     |                                  |             |         |              |             | ( |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (Instr. 3, |                                  |             |         |              |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | 4, and 5)  |                                  |             |         |              |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |                                  |             |         | Amount       |             |   |
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|             |             |                     |                    | C-1- 1     | 7 (A) (D)  |                                  |             |         |              |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code V     | (A) (D)    |                                  |             |         | Shares       |             |   |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MORELAND W BENJAMIN 1220 AUGUSTA SUITE 500 HOUSTON, TX 77057

President & CEO

#### **Signatures**

/s/ W. Benjamin 02/11/2011 Moreland

\*\*Signature of Reporting 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 stock is restricted stock issued pursuant to the Company's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, and 33 1/3% of the restricted stock generally vests (i.e., the transfer and forfeiture restrictions terminate) on February 19 of each of 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- The shares represent restricted stock issued under the Company's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. The terms of such restricted stock provide for 0% to 100% of the shares to vest (i.e., the transfer and forfeiture restrictions terminate) on February 19, 2014 based upon the highest average closing price per share of the Company's common stock for 20 consecutive trading days during the period commencing August 24, 2013 and ending on (and including) February 19, 2014 ("Highest Average Price"). The percentage of shares vesting being equal to 33 1/3%, 66 2/3% or 100% of the number of shares of restricted stock granted if the Highest Average Price is \$52.51, \$60.37 or \$68.99, respectively. (footnote continues at footnote 3)
  - (footnote 2 continued) If the Highest Average Price is between \$52.51 and \$60.37, then an additional amount up to 33 1/3% shall vest on a prorata basis (approximately 4.24% per \$1.00 increase in the Highest Average Price above \$52.51). If the Highest Average Price is between \$60.37 and \$68.99, then an additional amount up to 33 1/3% shall vest on a prorata basis (approximately 3.87% per \$1.00).
- (3) between \$60.37 and \$68.99, then an additional amount up to 33 1/3% shall vest on a prorata basis (approximately 3.87% per \$1.00 increase in the Highest Average Price above \$60.37). If the stock price is at or above \$52.51 per share as of February 19, 2014 and remains at or above for 20 consecutive trading days, then a minimum of 33 1/3% 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.

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