

Kavanagh Michael Joseph
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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 *
 Kavanagh Michael Joseph

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 DRIVE SUITE 600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/21/2019

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 SVP & Chief Commercial Officer

(Street)
 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | 02/25/2019 | | S | 2,500 | D \$ 120.06 | 38,471 | D |
| Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value | | | | | | 800 ⁽¹⁾ | I By 401(k) |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Time RSUs | (2) | 02/21/2019 | | A | 5,424 | (3) (3) | Common Stock | 5,424 |
| Performance RSUs | (2) | 02/21/2019 | | A | 5,806 | (4) (4) | Common Stock | 5,806 |
| Performance RSUs. | (2) | 02/21/2019 | | A | 10,310 | (5) (5) | Common Stock | 10,310 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kavanagh Michael Joseph 1220 AUGUSTA DRIVE SUITE 600 HOUSTON, TX 77057 | | | SVP & Chief Commercial Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Michael Joseph
Kavanagh

02/25/2019

**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) Represents shares previously acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") is issued pursuant to the Company's 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan and represents a contingent
- (2) 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.
- (3) 33 1/3% of the Time RSUs vest on February 19 of each of 2020, 2021 and 2022.

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0% to 150% of these Relative TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2022 based on the Company's annualized total stockholder return ("TSR") performance ranking ("TSR Rank") relative to the constituent companies of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index for the three-year period ending December 31, 2021. The percentage of Relative TSR Performance RSUs that may vest will be (a) 0% if the TSR Rank is below the 30th percentile; (b) 50% if the TSR Rank is at the 30th percentile; (c) 100% if the TSR Rank is at the 55th percentile; and (d) 150% if the TSR Rank is at the 90th percentile or greater. If the TSR Rank is between the 30th and 55th percentiles or between the 55th and 90th percentiles, the percentage of Relative TSR Performance RSUs that may vest is determined using linear interpolation.

0% to 150% of these Absolute TSR Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2022 based on the Company's annualized TSR for the three-year period ending December 31, 2021. The percentage of Absolute TSR Performance RSUs that may vest will be (a) 0% if TSR is below 6.5%; (b) 50% if TSR is 6.5%; (c) 100% if TSR is 11.5%; and (d) 150% if TSR is 16.5% or greater. If TSR is between 6.5% and 11.5% or between 11.5% and 16.5%, the percentage of Absolute TSR Performance RSUs that may vest is determined using linear interpolation.

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