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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Street)

Simon Kenneth Jay

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CROWN CASTLE

INTERNATIONAL CORP [CCI]

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

1220 AUGUSTA DRIVE SUITE

(Middle)

600

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

02/16/2017

below) SVP and General Counsel

X_ Officer (give title

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77057

(State) (Zip) (City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership Owned (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Following

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 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

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8		red (A) posed of 3, 4,	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code '	V (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Time RSUs	<u>(1)</u>	02/16/2017		A	8,70	1	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	8,701
Performance RSUs	<u>(1)</u>	02/16/2017		A	30,89	93	(3)(4)	(3)(4)	Common Stock	30,893

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Simon Kenneth Jay 1220 AUGUSTA DRIVE SUITE 600 HOUSTON, TX 77057

SVP and General Counsel

Signatures

Reporting Person

/s/ Kenneth Jay
Simon

**Signature of 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).
- 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 2018, 2019 and 2020.
- 0% to 100% of the Performance RSUs may vest on February 19, 2020 based upon the Company's total stockholder return ("TSR") performance rating ("TSR Rank") relative to a peer group of companies approved by the Company's board of directors for the three year period ending February 16, 2020 ("Period"). If the TSR Rank is at the 30th percentile or more up to the 55th percentile, then 33.34% to
- (3) period ending Period 7. If the 13K Rank is at the 30th percentile of more up to the 35th percentile, then 35.34% 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)
 - (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
- (4) 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 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.

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