

CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP
Form 8-K
August 19, 2005

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): August 16, 2005

Crown Castle International Corp.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-16441
(Commission File Number)

76-0470458
(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

510 Bering Drive

Suite 500

Houston, TX 77057

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(Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 570-3000

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 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

(b) William D. Strittmatter has provided notice to the Company of his intention to resign as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company (Board) and a member of the Board 's Audit Committee, effective September 1, 2005. Mr. Strittmatter has served as a director of the Company as the nominee of GE Capital Structured Finance Group and its affiliates (GE Capital) since November 1999, as further discussed below.

In November 1999, GE Capital made a \$200 million strategic investment in the Company in exchange for 200,000 shares of the Company 's 8 1/4% Convertible Preferred Stock (8 1/4% Preferred) and certain warrants to purchase Company common stock, which expired unexercised in November 2004. The agreements relating to the 8 1/4% Preferred investment provide that so long as GE Capital holds at least 50% of such shares of 8 1/4% Preferred, GE Capital will have the right to nominate one designee to be a member of the Board. Following Mr. Strittmatter 's resignation, GE Capital retains the right to nominate a replacement designee to the Board.

SIGNATURES

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.

CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP.

By: /s/ E. Blake Hawk

Name: E. Blake Hawk

Title: Executive Vice President and General Counsel

Date: August 19, 2005