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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/ [AMT] THOMPSON SAMME L (Month/Day/Year) 08/08/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner _X_ Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer Other Person BOSTON, MAÂ 02116 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Class A Common Stock (1) 8,258 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. 6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Form of (Instr. 5)	
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

THOMPSON SAMME L

116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE Â X Â Â Â

BOSTON, MAÂ 02116

Signatures

/s/ Samme L.

08/10/2005

Thompson

Date

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated May 3, 2005, by and among American Tower Corporation (the "Company"),

(1) Asteroid Merger Sub, LLC, and SpectraSite, Inc. ("SpectraSite"), each outstanding share of SpectraSite common stock was automatically converted into 3.575 shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock.

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