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AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HESS WILLIAM H			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/ [AMT]					·5	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2011						Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Int'l. Operations			
BOSTON,		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	la I - Na	n-D	arivativa S	Socuri	ties Acai	Person uired, Disposed of	f or Ranaficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or				equired l of (D)	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	
Class A Common Stock	11/09/2011			G(1)	V	8,500	D	\$ 0	5,814 <u>(2)</u>	D		
Class A Common Stock	12/01/2011			M		28,723	A	\$ 37.52	34,537	D		
Class A Common Stock	12/01/2011			M		10,938	A	\$ 37.7	45,475	D		
Class A Common	12/01/2011			S(3)		39,661	D	\$ 58.75	5,814	D		

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(4) Stock

Class A I Common 5,095

Stock

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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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Class A Common Stock	\$ 37.52	12/01/2011		M	28,723	<u>(5)</u>	03/15/2017	Class A Common Stock	28,723
Option to Purchase Class A Common Stock	\$ 37.7	12/01/2011		M	10,938	<u>(6)</u>	03/17/2018	Class A Common Stock	10,938

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Other Officer

HESS WILLIAM H 116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02116

EVP, Int'l. Operations

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Signatures

/s/ Mneesha O. Nahata, as attorney-in-fact

12/05/2011

**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) Gift of Class A Common Stock to various charitable organizations through a donor advised fund.
- Includes 489 shares acquired under the Company's employee stock purchase plan in May 2011. 2,678 shares were previously reported as directly owned, but were contributed to a grantor retained annuity trust ("GRAT") on October 29, 2010. 1,245 shares were returned to the reporting person's direct beneficial ownership on November 9, 2011 in the form of a scheduled annuity payment under the terms of the
- reporting person's direct beneficial ownership on November 9, 2011 in the form of a scheduled annuity payment under the terms of the GRAT.
- (3) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (4) Represents the weighted average price of shares sold in multiple same-day transactions at prices ranging from \$58.39 to \$59.39 per share.
- (5) This option was granted pursuant to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 15, 2008.
- (6) This option was granted pursuant to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 17, 2009.

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