

AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/
Form 8-K
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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): March 1, 2010

AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

001-14195
(Commission File Number)

65-0723837
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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116 Huntington Avenue

Boston, Massachusetts 02116

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 375-7500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e) On February 23, 2010, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of American Tower Corporation (the Company) considered the compensation arrangements with the Company's executive officers. The information in the table below sets forth the determinations of the Compensation Committee with respect to base salaries and cash bonus incentive targets for the year ended December 31, 2010 for the Company's chief executive officer, chief financial officer and the three other most highly compensated executive officers who were serving as executive officers on December 31, 2009 (collectively, the Current Named Executive Officers). In addition to the Current Named Executive Officers, the table below sets forth the determinations of the Compensation Committee for Ms. Bua, who served as the Company's chief financial officer during a portion of the year ended December 31, 2009.

| Name | 2010 Base Salary | 2010 Target Cash Bonus Potential (% of base salary/ \$) |
|---|------------------|--|
| James D. Taiclet, Jr., Chairman of the Board, President and President and Chief Executive Officer | \$ 900,000 | 75% / \$675,000 |
| Thomas A. Bartlett, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer | \$ 650,000 | 60% / \$390,000 |
| William H. Hess, Executive Vice President, International Operations and President, Latin America and EMEA | \$ 500,000 | 60% / \$300,000 |
| Steven C. Marshall, Executive Vice President and International President, U.S Tower Division | \$ 450,000 | 60% / \$270,000 |
| Edmund DiSanto, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel | \$ 400,000 | 60% / \$240,000 |
| Jean A. Bua, Executive Vice President, Finance and Treasurer | \$ 310,000 | 60% / \$186,000 |

In determining annual cash bonus incentives for the Company's executive officers, the Compensation Committee considers the achievements of each executive officer relative to his or her individual goals and objectives for the year, as well as the Company's achievement of its goals and objectives for the year. The Compensation Committee bases its decisions on a number of factors, including the Company's financial performance, the achievement of certain strategic goals and each executive's contribution to the Company's overall performance. If the Company exceeds its goals and/or the executive exceeds his or her goals, the annual cash bonus incentive could be subject to increase under certain circumstances at the discretion of the Compensation Committee, of up to 200% of the bonus target. Additional information regarding compensation of the executive officers listed above will be included in the Company's 2010 Proxy Statement when filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURE

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.

AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: March 1, 2010

By: **/s/ THOMAS A. BARTLETT**
Thomas A. Bartlett
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer