FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  THOMPSON SAMME L   |  |  |  |         |           | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/ [ AMT ] |         |                  |  |       |                    |  |                                   |                    | k all app   | olicable)   | g Person(s) to I<br>10% (  | ssuer<br>Owner   |  |
|--|--|--|--|---------|-----------|---|---------|------------------|--|-------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |  |         |           | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/24/2016                         |         |                  |  |       |                    |  |                                   |                    | Offic<br>below  | er (give title<br>w)  | Other<br>below   | (specify<br>)  |  |
| (Street) BOSTON (City)                                       |  |  | )2116<br>Zip)                              |         | 4. If     | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                            |         |                  |  |       |                    |  |                                   | 6. Ind<br>Line)    | Forn<br>Forn  | ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person |  |  |  |
|  |  | Tabl                                       | e I - No                                   | n-Deriv | ative     | Sec   | curitie | s Acc            | quired,  | Dis   | posed o            | f, or E  | Benef                             | icially            | Owne  | ed  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day |  |  |  |         |           | Execution Date,   |         |                  | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) |       |                    |  |                                   |                    | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership   |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |         |           |   |         |                  | Code   | v     | Amount             | (A)<br>(D)   | or Pi                             | ice                | Trans   | action(s)<br>3 and 4)   |  | (Instr. 4)   |  |
| Common Stock 10/24/20  |  |  |  |         |           | 16  |         | S <sup>(1)</sup> |  | 2,202 | I                  | \$116.13   |                                   | 1                  | .6,063  | D   |  |  |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |         |           |   |         |                  |  |       |                    |  |                                   |                    |   |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)          | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deen<br>Executio<br>if any<br>(Month/D | n Date, | Code (Ins |   |         |                  | 6. Date Exercisab<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                                 |       | e                  | Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) |                                   | Der<br>Sec<br>(Ins | Price of<br>rivative<br>curity<br>str. 5)                         | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4)           | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |  |  |  |         | Code      | v   | (A)     | (D)              | Date<br>Exercisa   | ble   | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of<br>Share | er                 |   |   |  |  |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on July 29, 2016.

## Remarks:

/s/ Mneesha O. Nahata, as attorney-in-fact 10/26/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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