

CREE INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HILLER NORBERT**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON DRIVE**

(Street)

**DURHAM, NC 27703**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CREE INC [CREE]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**10/24/2013**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 10/24/2013                           |  | M                              |   | 6,667   | A  | \$ 30.92                          |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 10/24/2013                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 6,667   | D  | \$ 61.67                          |
| COMMON STOCK                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,125   | I  |                                   |

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)   | \$ 30.92   | 10/24/2013                           |  | M                              | 6,667   | 09/01/2012 <sup>(2)</sup> 09/01/2018                     | COMMON STOCK                             |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HILLER NORBERT  
C/O CREE, INC.  
4600 SILICON DRIVE  
DURHAM, NC 27703

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

## Signatures

Norbert Hiller 10/28/2013

\*\*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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Mr. Hiller on March 6, 2013.

(2) Option vests as to 13,334 shares on September 1, 2012 and as to 13,333 shares on each of September 1, 2013 and September 1, 2014.

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