

CREE INC
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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 *
KURTZWEIL JOHN T

(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)
09/02/2008

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 VP, CFO, TREASURER

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
COMMON STOCK	09/02/2008		F ⁽¹⁾	1,688 D \$ 23.31	26,009 ⁽²⁾	D	Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
COMMON STOCK	09/02/2008		A ⁽³⁾	6,000 A \$ 0	32,009	D	Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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

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

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Underlying Security. Includes entry for NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY).

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry for KURTZWEIL JOHN T, EXECUTIVE VP, CFO, TREASURER.

Signatures

Tamara Cappelson, Attorney-In-Fact, 09/04/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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(1) Disposition of shares back to the company to satisfy withholding obligations related to vesting of restricted stock.
(2) Number of shares reported includes 670 shares purchased on October 31, 2007 and 495 shares purchased on April 30, 2008 under the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
(3) One-fifth of the shares awarded will vest on each of September 1, 2009, September 1, 2010, September 1, 2011, September 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013, provided the recipient continues service until such dates as an employee or director of Cree, Inc. or as an employee of a related "Employer" as defined in the Plan.
(4) Option vests and becomes exercisable as to one-third of the shares on each of September 2, 2009, September 2, 2010 and September 2, 2011, provided the recipient continues service until such dates as an employee or director of Cree, Inc. or as an employee of a related "Employer" as defined in the Plan.

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