

CREE INC
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FORM 4

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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)
10/02/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VP, CFO & TREASURER

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	10/02/2006		A ⁽¹⁾		20,000	A	\$ 0
					20,000	D	

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)

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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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Nonqualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.5	10/02/2006		A	70,000	10/02/2007 ⁽²⁾ 10/02/2013	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KURTZWEIL JOHN T C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703			EXECUTIVE VP, CFO & TREASURER	

Signatures

John T. Kurtzweil
10/03/2006

__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) Shares of restricted stock awarded under the Cree, Inc. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended. One-fifth of the shares awarded will vest on each of September 1, 2007, September 1, 2008, September 1, 2009, September 1, 2010 and September 1, 2011 provided Mr. Kurtzweil continues service until such dates as an employee of Cree, Inc. or a related "Employer" as defined in the Plan.
- (2) Option vested and becomes exercisable as to 23,334 shares on October 2, 2007 and as to 23,333 shares on each of October 2, 2008 and October 2, 2009, provided Mr. Kurtzweil continues service until such dates as an employee of Cree, Inc. or a related "Employer" as defined in the Cree, Inc. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended.

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