

CREE INC
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)
12/01/2009

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | | M | | 10,000 A \$ 20.5 | 48,243 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,000 D \$ 49.52 | 46,243 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 3,000 D \$ 49.59 | 43,243 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 3,000 D \$ 49.592 | 40,243 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,000 D \$ 49.6 | 36,243 ⁽²⁾ | D |

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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)

| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 20.5 | 12/01/2009 | | M | 10,000 | 10/02/2007 ⁽³⁾ 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

Tamara Cappelson,
Attorney-In-Fact
Date: 12/03/2009

**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. Kurtzweil on June 5, 2009.
- (2) Includes 475 shares purchased by Mr. Kurtzweil on October 31, 2009 under the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Option vested as to 23,334 shares on October 2, 2007 and as to 23,333 shares on October 2, 2008 and October 2, 2009.

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