

HILLER NORBERT  
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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)  
**09/04/2012**

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	09/04/2012		A <sup>(1)</sup>		10,000	A	\$ 0
COMMON STOCK					722	I	<sup>(3)</sup>

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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)	\$ 27.77	09/04/2012		A	40,000	09/04/2013 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/04/2019	COMM STOCK
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 27.77	09/04/2012		A	1,200	09/04/2013 <sup>(5)</sup> 09/04/2019	COMM 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 09/05/2012

\*\*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) Restricted stock award vesting in four equal annual installments commencing September 1, 2013.
- (2) Includes 964 shares purchased by Mr. Hiller on April 30, 2012 under the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Includes shares purchased by Mr. Hiller's spouse under the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as follows: 223 shares on October 31, 2011 and 318 shares on April 30, 2012.
- (4) Option vests as to 13,334 shares on September 4, 2013 and as to 13,333 shares on September 4, 2014 and September 4, 2015.
- (5) Option vests in three equal annual installments commencing September 4, 2013.

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