

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 *
SWOBODA CHARLES M

(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)
02/08/2008

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)

CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO

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 (A) or Price (D)		
COMMON STOCK	02/08/2008		M		44,340 A \$ 18.875	211,683	D
COMMON STOCK	02/08/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		27,786 D \$ 32	183,897	D
COMMON STOCK	02/08/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		2,787 D \$ 32.01	181,110	D
COMMON STOCK	02/08/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		4,476 D \$ 32.02	176,634	D
COMMON STOCK	02/08/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		2,365 D \$ 32.05	174,269	D

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COMMON STOCK	02/08/2008	S ⁽¹⁾	253	D	\$ 32.06	174,016	D
COMMON STOCK	02/08/2008	S ⁽¹⁾	253	D	\$ 32.065	173,763	D
COMMON STOCK	02/08/2008	S ⁽¹⁾	3,209	D	\$ 32.07	170,554	D
COMMON STOCK	02/08/2008	S ⁽¹⁾	2,197	D	\$ 32.08	168,357	D
COMMON STOCK	02/08/2008	S ⁽¹⁾	1,014	D	\$ 32.1	167,343	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)

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)	\$ 18.875	02/08/2008		M	44,340	07/01/2000 ⁽²⁾ 07/01/2009	COMMON STOCK

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SWOBODA CHARLES M C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703	X		CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO	

Signatures

Charles M.
Swoboda

02/12/2008

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** 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. Swoboda on December 2, 2005 and modified on August 21, 2007.
 - (2) Option vested and became exercisable as to 40,000 shares on each of 7/1/2000 and 7/1/2001.

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