RUUD ALAN J Form 4

September 06, 2011

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RUUD ALAN J		Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CREE INC [CREE]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (Mi	ddle) 3. Date	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Che	ck all applicable	e)	
C/O CREE, IN	`	(Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2011				X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
Filed(Month			d(Month/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DURHAM, N	C 27703						Form filed by l	More than One Ro	eporting	
(City)	(State) (Z	ip) Ta	ble I - Non-De	rivative Se	curiti	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2011	e 2A. Deemed Execution Date any (Month/Day/Ye	Code		l (A) o l of (D	<b>)</b> )	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)	
STOCK	0)/01/2011		<b>' '</b> —	2,000	11	ΨΟ	1,100,112	D		
COMMON STOCK							205	I	BY SPOUSE	

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transactio	5. Number of orDerivative	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date	le and	7. Title ar Underlyir
(Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year	)	(Instr. 3 a
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 30.92	09/01/2011		A	30,000	09/01/2012(2)	09/01/2018	COMM

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RUUD ALAN J							
C/O CREE, INC.	X						
4600 SILICON DRIVE							
DURHAM, NC 27703							

## **Signatures**

Tamara Cappelson, as agent for Alan J. 09/06/2011 Ruud Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

# **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).
- Restricted stock award vesting as to 1,667 shares on each of September 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013 and as to 1,666 shares on September 1, 2014.
- (2) Option vests in three equal installments commencing September 1, 2012.

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