

CREE INC
Form 4
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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)
01/28/2008

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | | M | 105,000 | A \$ 25.3 | 262,343 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | | M | 17,500 | A \$ 18.875 | 279,843 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 82,429 | D \$ 32 | 197,414 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 17,354 | D \$ 32.01 | 180,060 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 4,638 | D \$ 32.02 | 175,422 | D |

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|--------------|------------|--------------|-------|---|-----------|---------|---|
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | <u>S</u> (1) | 5,491 | D | \$ 32.03 | 169,931 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | <u>S</u> (1) | 3,295 | D | \$ 32.04 | 166,636 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | <u>S</u> (1) | 1,943 | D | \$ 32.05 | 164,693 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | <u>S</u> (1) | 84 | D | \$ 32.065 | 164,609 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | <u>S</u> (1) | 84 | D | \$ 32.075 | 164,525 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | <u>S</u> (1) | 1,100 | D | \$ 32.08 | 163,425 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | <u>S</u> (1) | 1,013 | D | \$ 32.09 | 162,412 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | <u>S</u> (1) | 1,183 | D | \$ 32.1 | 161,229 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | <u>S</u> (1) | 2,619 | D | \$ 32.11 | 158,610 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | <u>S</u> (1) | 422 | D | \$ 32.13 | 158,188 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | <u>S</u> (1) | 507 | D | \$ 32.15 | 157,681 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/28/2008 | <u>S</u> (1) | 338 | D | \$ 32.17 | 157,343 | 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 Underlying (Instr. 3) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION | \$ 25.3 | 01/28/2008 | | M | 105,000 | 07/02/2003 ⁽²⁾ | 07/02/2008 | COMI STO |

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NONQUALIFIED

STOCK OPTION \$ 18.875 01/28/2008 M 17,500 07/01/2000⁽³⁾ 07/01/2009

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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 01/30/2008

**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 120,000 shares on 7/2/2003 and as to 200,000 shares on 7/2/2004.
- (3) Option vested and became exercisable as to 40,000 shares on each of 7/1/2000 and 7/1/2001.

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