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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
McDevitt Michael E		(Month/Day/Year)	CREE INC [CREE]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/22/2012	
C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON DRIVE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)				
DURHAM, NC 27703			(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	
			VICE PRESIDENT AND INTERIM CFO	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
COMMON STOCK	5,109	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title			

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	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	09/04/2010 09/04/2014	COMMON STOCK 2,333 \$ 27.47	D Â
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	09/02/2009 <sup>(1)</sup> 09/02/2015	COMMON STOCK 10,666 \$ 22.9	D Â
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	09/01/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 09/01/2016	COMMON STOCK 4,500 \$ 35.89	D Â
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	09/01/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/01/2017	COMMON STOCK 6,000 \$ 55.3	D Â
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	09/01/2012 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/01/2018	COMMON STOCK 7,000 \$ 30.92	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McDevitt Michael E C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703	Â	Â	Â VICE PRESIDENT AND INTERIM CFO	Â

## Signatures

Michael E. 05/31/2012  
McDevitt

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Option vested as to 5,333 shares on each of September 2, 2009 and September 2, 2010.
- (2) Option vests as to 1,500 shares on each of September 1, 2010. September 1, 2011 and September 1, 2012.
- (3) Option vests as to 2,000 shares on each of September 1, 2011, September 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013.
- (4) Option vests as to 2,334 shares on September 1, 2012 and as to 2,333 shares on September 1, 2013 and September 1, 2014.

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