

HILLER NORBERT  
Form 4  
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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)  
**04/25/2013**

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  
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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)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 04/25/2013                           |  | M                              | 60,000 A \$ 31.12   | 103,210   | D  |   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 04/25/2013                           |  | M                              | 10,000 A \$ 22.9  | 113,210   | D  |   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 04/25/2013                           |  | M                              | 23,333 A \$ 35.89   | 136,543   | D  |   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 04/25/2013                           |  | M                              | 13,334 A \$ 30.92   | 149,877   | D  |   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 04/25/2013                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 94,477 D \$ 56.85   | 55,400  | D  |   |

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|              |            |                  |        |   |            |        |   |           |
|--------------|------------|------------------|--------|---|------------|--------|---|-----------|
| COMMON STOCK | 04/25/2013 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 20,000 | D | \$ 56.9502 | 35,400 | D |           |
| COMMON STOCK |            |                  |        |   |            | 1,010  | I | By Spouse |

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<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |       |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|-------|
|   |  |   |   | Code                              | V (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date                                      | Title |
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)      | \$ 31.12   | 04/25/2013                              |   | M                                 | 60,000   | 02/05/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/05/2015                        | COMM STOCK   |       |
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)      | \$ 22.9  | 04/25/2013                              |   | M                                 | 10,000   | 09/02/2011 09/02/2015                                       | COMM STOCK   |       |
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)      | \$ 35.89   | 04/25/2013                              |   | M                                 | 23,333   | 09/01/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/01/2016                        | COMM STOCK   |       |
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)      | \$ 30.92   | 04/25/2013                              |   | M                                 | 13,334   | 09/01/2012 09/01/2018                                       | COMM STOCK   |       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| HILLER NORBERT<br>C/O CREE, INC.<br>4600 SILICON DRIVE<br>DURHAM, NC 27703 |               |           | EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT |       |

## Signatures

Norbert Hiller

04/29/2013

\*\*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. Hiller on March 6, 2013.
- (2) Option vested as to 20,000 shares on each of February 5, 2011, February 5, 2012 and February 5, 2013.
- (3) Option vested as to 11,667 shares on September 1, 2010 and as to 11,666 shares on September 1, 2011.

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