

PALMOUR JOHN W
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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 *
PALMOUR JOHN W

(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)
09/01/2010

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 09/01/2010 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | 1,950 D \$ 53.54 | 322,531 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 09/01/2010 | | A ⁽²⁾ | 6,000 A \$ 0 | 328,531 ⁽³⁾ | D ⁽⁴⁾ | |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 55.3 | 09/01/2010 | | A | 30,000 | 09/01/2011 ⁽⁵⁾ 09/01/2017 | COMMON STOCK |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PALMOUR JOHN W C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703 | | X | | |

Signatures

Tamara Cappelson,
Attorney-In-Fact

09/02/2010

**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) Disposition of shares back to the company to satisfy withholding obligations related to restricted stock vesting September 1, 2010.
- (2) Restricted stock award vesting in five equal annual installments commencing September 1, 2011.
- (3) Includes 150 shares purchased by Dr. Palmour on April 30, 2010 under the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Of the 328,531 shares reported, 288,531 shares are held directly by Dr. Palmour and 40,000 shares are held indirectly by Dr. Palmour's spouse.
- (5) Option vests in three equal annual installments commencing September 1, 2011.

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