**CREE INC** Form 4 September 04, 2013

## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HILLER NORBERT | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol CREE INC [CREE] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)                             |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                                  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction                                    | (Check an applicable)                                                                                |  |  |
| C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON<br>DRIVE                    | (Month/Day/Year)<br>09/01/2013                                     | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT            |  |  |
| (Street)                                                 | 4. If Amendment, Date Original                                     | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check                                                            |  |  |
| DURHAM, NC 27703                                         | Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                              | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State) (Z                              | Cip) Table                                                  | I - Non-De                              | erivative So                                | ecuriti                        | ies Acqui   | red, Disposed of,                                                                                                  | or Beneficial                                            | ly Owned                                                          |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securit<br>or(A) or Dis<br>(Instr. 3, 4) | sposed<br>4 and 3<br>(A)<br>or | of (D)      | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                      | 09/01/2013                              |                                                             | $J_{(1)}$                               | 4,534                                       | D                              | \$<br>55.49 | 31,662 (2)                                                                                                         | D                                                        |                                                                   |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                      | 09/03/2013                              |                                                             | A(3)                                    | 13,000                                      | A                              | \$ 0        | 44,662                                                                                                             | D                                                        |                                                                   |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                      |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                             |                                |             | 1,233 (4)                                                                                                          | I                                                        | BY<br>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)

3 Transaction Date 3A Deemed

| Security (Instr. 3)                            | Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Iransaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | S. Number of conderivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year |                    | Underlyir (Instr. 3 a |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                |                                                                 |                                      |                                         | Code V                           | (A) (D)                                                                                    | Date Exercisable                | Expiration<br>Date | Title                 |
| NONQUALIFIED<br>STOCK OPTION<br>(RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 54.6                                                         | 09/03/2013                           |                                         | A                                | 13,000                                                                                     | 09/03/2014(5)                   | 09/03/2020         | COMM<br>STOC          |
| NONQUALIFIED<br>STOCK OPTION<br>(RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 54.6                                                         | 09/03/2013                           |                                         | A                                | 1,125                                                                                      | 09/03/2014(6)                   | 09/03/2020         | COMM                  |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HILLER NORBERT C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703

**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT** 

### **Signatures**

1 Title of Derivative

Norbert Hiller 09/04/2013

\*\*Signature of 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, 2013.
- (2) Includes 796 shares purchased by Mr. Hiller under the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on April 30, 2013.
- (3) Restricted stock unit vesting in four equal annual installments commencing September 1, 2014.
- (4) Includes 223 shares purchased by Mr. Hiller's spouse under the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on April 30, 2013.
- (5) Option vests as to 4,334 shares on September 3, 2014 and as to 4,333 shares on September 3, 2015 and September 3, 2016.
- (6) Option vests in three equal annual installments commencing September 3, 2014.

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