Kelley Stephen Douglas Form 4 September 02, 2010

# FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue.

See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Ctota)

(7:-

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kelley Stephen Douglas		ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and 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 all applicable)		
C/O CREE, IN DRIVE	C., 4600 SI	LICON	(Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2010	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, COO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
DURHAM, NO	C 27703		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Zi	Table 1	I - Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)	
COMMON STOCK	09/01/2010		F(1)	2,208	D	\$ 53.54	22,932	D		
COMMON STOCK	09/01/2010		A(2)	6,000	A	\$0	28,932	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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisab	le and	7. Title ar
Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	orDerivative 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 Date	Title
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 55.3	09/01/2010		A	35,000	09/01/2011(3)	09/01/2017	COMM

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kelley Stephen Douglas C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, COO

### **Signatures**

Tamara Cappelson, Attorney-In-Fact

\*\*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) Option vests in three equal annual installments commencing September 1, 2011.

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