

CREE INC  
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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)  
**09/01/2014**

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)

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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	09/01/2014		F <sup>(1)</sup>	3,881 D \$ 45.56	46,198	D	
COMMON STOCK	09/02/2014		A <sup>(2)</sup>	13,000 A \$ 0	59,198	D	
COMMON STOCK	09/03/2014		F <sup>(3)</sup>	1,658 D \$ 45.13	57,540	D	
COMMON STOCK					1,572	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 (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)	\$ 45.13	09/02/2014		A	13,000	09/02/2015 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/02/2021	COMMON STOCK
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 45.13	09/02/2014		A	1,125	09/02/2015 <sup>(5)</sup> 09/02/2021	COMMON STOCK

## 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

Norbert Hiller                      09/03/2014  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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 stock awards vesting September 1, 2014.
- (2) Restricted stock unit vesting in four equal annual installments commencing September 1, 2015.
- (3) Disposition of shares back to the company to satisfy withholding obligations related to stock award vesting September 3, 2014.
- (4) Option vests as to 4,334 shares on September 2, 2015 and as to 4,333 shares on September 2, 2016 and September 2, 2017.

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(5) Option vests in three equal annual installments commencing September 2, 2015.

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