CREE INC Form 4 September 03, 2014

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RUUD ALAN J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CREE INC [CREE]				>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First) ((Middle)	3. Date of I	Farliest Tra	nsaction			(Cneck	all applicable	:)
(Zust)	(1130)	(Initiativ)	(Month/Da		iisaction			X Director	10%	Owner
C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON DRIVE			09/01/2014					Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
	(Street) 4. If Amend			dment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ies Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execut	eemed ion Date, if n/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V F(1)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D) 5) Price \$	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 1,014,379 (2)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orderivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title ar Underlyir (Instr. 3 a
			Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 45.13	09/02/2014	A	30,000	09/02/2015(3)	09/02/2021	COMM

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
RUUD ALAN J C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703	X					

Signatures

Tamara Cappelson, as agent for Alan J.
Ruud
09/03/2014

**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, 2014.
- (2) Includes 417 shares purchased by Mr. Ruud in the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on April 30, 2014.
- (3) Option vests in three equal installments commencing September 2, 2015.

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