

CREE INC  
Form 8-K  
September 29, 2008

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): September 26, 2008

CREE, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

0-21154  
(Commission File  
Number)

56-1572719  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

4600 Silicon Drive  
Durham, North Carolina  
(Address of principal executive offices)

27703  
(Zip Code)

(919) 313-5300

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Dr. John W. Palmour, who presently serves as the Executive Vice President – Advanced Devices of Cree, Inc. (the "Company"), has accepted appointment as its Chief Technology Officer – Advanced Devices effective September 28, 2008. His service as an executive vice president of the Company will end on this date. He will continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors and is standing for re-election at the Company's 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on October 30, 2008.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CREE, INC.

By: /s/ Charles M. Swoboda  
Charles M. Swoboda  
Chairman, Chief Executive  
Officer  
and President

Date: September 29, 2008