

PALMOUR JOHN W

Form 4

May 29, 2009

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PALMOUR JOHN W

(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)

05/27/2009

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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	05/27/2009		M		35,000	A	\$ 19.88	755,258	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/27/2009		S ⁽¹⁾		10,000	D	\$ 30.4	745,258	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/27/2009		S ⁽¹⁾		15,000	D	\$ 31.1059	730,258	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/27/2009		S ⁽¹⁾		10,000	D	\$ 31.1007	720,258	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/27/2009		S ⁽¹⁾		10,000	D	\$ 31.3006	710,258	D	

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COMMON STOCK	05/27/2009	S ⁽¹⁾	10,000	D	\$ 31.25	700,258	D
COMMON STOCK	05/27/2009	S ⁽¹⁾	10,000	D	\$ 31.3721	690,258 ⁽²⁾	D ⁽³⁾

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)	\$ 19.88	05/27/2009		M	35,000	10/13/2004 ⁽⁴⁾ 10/13/2010	COMMON STOCK

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
PALMOUR JOHN W C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703	X

Signatures

John W. Palmour	05/29/2009
**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).

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- (1) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Dr. Palmour on February 13, 2009.
- (2) Includes 371 shares purchased by Dr. Palmour on April 30, 2009 under the company's 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Of the 690,258 shares reported, 650,258 shares are held directly by Dr. Palmour and 40,000 shares are held indirectly by Dr. Palmour's spouse.
- (4) Option vested and became exercisable as to 15,000 shares on October 13, 2004 and as to 10,000 shares on each of October 13, 2005 and October 13, 2006.

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