

PLASTINA FRANCO
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PLASTINA FRANCO

(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)
05/03/2010

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
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/03/2010 | | M | A | \$ 22.9 | 18,750 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/03/2010 | | M | A | \$ 27.47 | 22,500 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/03/2010 | | M | A | \$ 35.89 | 25,000 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/03/2010 | | S | D | \$ 76 | 15,000 | 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 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) | \$ 22.9 | 05/03/2010 | | M | 5,000 | 12/31/2008 ⁽¹⁾ 09/02/2015 | COMMON STOCK |
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 27.47 | 05/03/2010 | | M | 3,750 | 03/31/2008 ⁽²⁾ 12/31/2014 | COMMON STOCK |
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 35.89 | 05/03/2010 | | M | 2,500 | 12/31/2009 ⁽³⁾ 09/01/2016 | COMMON STOCK |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PLASTINA FRANCO C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703 | | X | | |

Signatures

Franco Plastina 05/04/2010
 __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) Option vested as to 1,250 shares on each of December 31, 2008, March 31, 2009, June 30, 2009 and September 30, 2009.

(2) Option vested as to 1,250 shares on each of March 31, 2008, June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2008.

(3) Option vests as to 1,250 shares on each of December 31, 2009, March 31, 2010, June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2010 or, if earlier, upon the election of directors at the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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