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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad WAGNER H	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CREE INC [CREE]			>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
()			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/15/2009				_X Director Officer (give pelow)	10%	Owner er (specify
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			1	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
DURHAM, N	NC 27703						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State) (Z	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)
COMMON STOCK	05/15/2009		M	5,000	A	\$ 18.49	25,000	D	
COMMON	05/15/2000		S	5,000	D	\$ 26.5	20.000	D	

5.000 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

05/15/2009

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\$ 26.5 20,000

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or Disposed of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 18.49	05/15/2009		M	5,000	12/31/2006(1)	09/01/2013	COMM(STOCI

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Harvey A.

Wagner 05/18/2009

**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) The option vested and became exercisable as to one-fourth of the shares on each of December 31, 2006, March 31, 2007, June 30, 2007 and September 30, 2007.

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