McDevitt Michael E Form 4 September 06, 2012

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

09/04/2012

STOCK

See Instruction

| McDevitt Mic  | Symbol                                  | Symbol CREE INC [CREE]                               |  |             |           | Issuer (Check all applicable)  |  |  |   |
|---|---|--|--|-------------|-----------|--|--|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Each (Month/Day C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON 09/04/201 DRIVE |   |  |  |             |           |  | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  VICE PRESIDENT AND INTERIM CFO                     |  |   |
| DURHAM, N   |   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |  |             |           | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |   |
| (City)  | (State) (Z                              | ip) Table l  | I - Non-Dei                            | rivative Se | curitie   | es Acqı  | uired, Disposed o  | f, or Beneficial   | ly Owned  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | ,           | (A) of (D | )  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| COMMON  | 09/04/2012                              |  | <b>A</b> (1)                           | 4.000       | Δ         | 0.2  | 15 100   | D  |   |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, |                | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title ar<br>Underlyir<br>(Instr. 3 a |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|----------------|--|--------------------|---|
|  |   |                                      |   | Code V   | and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                   |
| NONQUALIFIED<br>STOCK OPTION<br>(RIGHT TO BUY)   | \$ 27.77  | 09/04/2012                           |   | A  | 20,000         | 09/04/2013(2)  | 09/04/2019         | COMM                                    |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McDevitt Michael E C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703

VICE PRESIDENT AND INTERIM CFO

## **Signatures**

Michael E. 09/06/2012 McDevitt

\*\*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) Restricted stock award vesting in four equal annual installments commencing September 1, 2013.
- (2) Option vests as to 6,667 shares on September 4, 2013 and September 4, 2014 and as to 6,666 shares on September 4, 2015.

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