

CREE INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)  
09/01/2006

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)

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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                    | 08/04/2006                           |  | G                              | 780   | \$ 0  | 751,230 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | D                                 |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 09/01/2006                           |  | A <sup>(2)</sup>               | 6,000   | A \$ 0  | 757,230  | D <sup>(3)</sup>                  |

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<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)      | \$ 18.49   | 09/01/2006                              |   | A                                 | 25,000   | 09/01/2007 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/01/2013                           | COMMON STOCK   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| PALMOUR JOHN W<br>C/O CREE, INC.<br>4600 SILICON DRIVE<br>DURHAM, NC 27703 | X             |           | EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT |       |

## Signatures

Tamara Cappelson,  
Attorney-In-Fact

09/06/2006

\*\*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).
- (1) Includes 327 shares purchased by Dr. Palmour on April 30, 2006 in the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.  
Shares of restricted stock awarded under the Cree, Inc. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended (the "Plan").
- (2) One-fifth of the shares awarded will vest on each of September 1, 2007, September 1, 2008, September 1, 2009, September 1, 2010 and September 1, 2011 provided Dr. Palmour continues service until such dates as an employee of Cree, Inc. or a related "Employer" as defined in the Plan.
- (3) Of the 757,230 shares reported, 717,230 shares are held by Dr. Palmour directly and 40,000 shares are held indirectly by Dr. Palmour's spouse.  
Option vests and becomes exercisable as to one-third of the shares on each of September 1, 2007, September 1, 2008 and September 1, 2009, provided Dr. Palmour continues service until such dates as an employee of Cree, Inc. or a related "Employer" as defined in the Plan.

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