

RUUD ALAN J
Form 4
May 30, 2012

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 *
RUUD ALAN J

(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)
03/31/2012

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)
Common Stock	12/29/2011		G	9,600 D \$ 0	1,450,842	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2012		J ⁽¹⁾	3,808 D \$ 40.85	1,447,034	D	
Common Stock	05/25/2012		J ⁽²⁾	1,214 D \$ 40.85	1,446,925 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock					205	I	By Spouse

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Tamara Cappelson, as agent for Alan J. Ruud 05/30/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- Return of escrowed shares to the issuer pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement and an Escrow Agreement entered into on August 17,
- (1) 2011 in connection with the acquisition by Cree, Inc. of all the outstanding capital stock of Ruud Lighting, Inc. The shares were returned as part of a post-closing purchase price adjustment under the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement.
- Return of escrowed shares to the issuer pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement and an Escrow Agreement entered into on August 17,
- (2) 2011 in connection with the acquisition by Cree, Inc. of all the outstanding capital stock of Ruud Lighting, Inc. The shares were returned pursuant to an indemnity claim under the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement.
- (3) Amount of shares beneficially owned includes 1,105 shares of common stock purchased by Mr. Ruud on April 30, 2012 under the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended.

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