

VON ARX DOLPH W
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FORM 4

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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 *

VON ARX DOLPH W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3663 RUM ROW

(Street)

NAPLES, FL 34102

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CREE INC [CREE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

05/21/2010

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)

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| COMMON STOCK | 05/21/2010 | | M | V Amount A \$ 16,000 19.88 | 500,435 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |

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)

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| 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 (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 19.88 | 05/21/2010 | | M | 16,000 | 12/31/2003 ⁽²⁾ 10/13/2010 | COMMON STOCK |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VON ARX DOLPH W 3663 RUM ROW NAPLES, FL 34102 | | X | | |

Signatures

Dolph W. von Arx
05/25/2010

__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) Of the 500,435 shares reported, (1) 63,500 shares are held directly; (2) 406,935 shares are held indirectly in a revocable living trust for the benefit of Mr. von Arx; (3) 15,000 shares are held indirectly in a revocable living trust for the benefit of Mr. von Arx's spouse; and (4) 15,000 shares are held indirectly in a family trust. Mr. von Arx disclaims beneficial ownership of the 15,000 shares held by the family trust.
- (2) Option vested as to 4,000 shares on each of December 31, 2003, March 31, 2004, June 30, 2004 and September 30, 2004.

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