

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 \*  
**POTTER ROBERT 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)  
**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)

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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	09/01/2006		A <sup>(1)</sup>	5,000 A \$ 0	17,000	D	

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)	\$ 18.49	09/01/2006		A	5,000	12/31/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 09/01/2013	COMMON STOCK

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Robert J. Potter 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) Shares of restricted stock awarded under the Cree, Inc. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended (the "Plan"). Shares awarded will vest on September 1, 2007 provided Dr. Potter continues service until that date as a member of the Board of Directors of Cree, Inc. or as an employee of Cree, Inc. or a related "Employer" as defined in the Plan.
- (2) The option vests and becomes exercisable as to one-fourth of the shares on each of December 31, 2006, March 31, 2007, June 30, 2007 and September 30, 2007 or, if earlier, upon the election of directors at the 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, provided Dr. Potter continues service until such dates as a member of the Board of Directors of Cree, Inc. or as an employee of Cree, Inc. or a related "Employer" as defined in the Plan.

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