

CREE INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â McDevitt Michael E</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O CREE, INC.,Â 4600 SILICON DRIVE</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>DURHAM,Â NCÂ 27703</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>05/05/2006</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>CREE INC [CREE]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>INTER. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
COMMON STOCK	1,084	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	11/01/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 11/01/2009	COMMON STOCK 16,000 \$ 18.5	D Â
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	10/13/2004 ⁽²⁾ 10/13/2010	COMMON STOCK 8,000 \$ 19.88	D Â
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	04/15/2005 10/01/2011	COMMON STOCK 10,000 \$ 31.24	D Â
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	09/01/2006 ⁽³⁾ 09/01/2012	COMMON STOCK 5,000 \$ 25.47	D Â

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	Â	Â	Â INTER. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Â

Signatures

MICHAEL E. MCDEVITT 05/09/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Option vests and becomes exercisable as to 3,200 shares on each of November 1, 2003, November 1, 2004, November 1, 2005, November 1, 2006 and November 1, 2007.
- (2) Option vests and becomes exercisable as to 1,600 shares on each of October 13, 2004, October 13, 2005, October 13, 2006, October 13, 2007 and October 13, 2008.
- (3) Option vests and becomes exercisable as to 1,667 shares on each of September 1, 2006 and September 1, 2007 and as to 1,666 shares on September 1, 2008.

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