HUNTER F NEAL Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **HUNTER F NEAL**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

CREE INC [CREE]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

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

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

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below) below) Chairman

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

DURHAM, NC 27713

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amoun
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	onDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securit
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

(A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amo Exercisable Date or

Num of Sh

Nonqualified

Stock Option Common \$ 33.95 16,000 11/03/2005 11/03/2011 11/03/2004 A 16,0 Stock (Right to

Code V

Buy)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HUNTER F NEAL

89 CROOKED CREEK LANE X Chairman

DURHAM, NC 27713

Signatures

Tamara Cappelson, 11/05/2004 Attorney-In-Fact

**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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