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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PLASTINA FRANCO | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CREE INC [CREE] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON DRIVE | | | (Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2016 | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Power & RF | | | |
| (Street) DURHAM, NC 27703 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | |

| (City) | (State) (Zij | Table I | - Non-Der | ivative Secu | urities A | equired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------|--|
| Title of curity | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | | | es (A) or | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | | |
| str. 3) | (Monda Buji Tear) | any | Code | Disposed of | ` ′ | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial | |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3, 4 | and 5) | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership | |
| | | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | (A) | Reported Transaction(s) | | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) Pri | (Instr 3 and 4) | | | |
| OMMON COCK | 11/02/2016 | | F(1) | 2,249 | D \$(| 42,439 (2) | D | | |

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

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(State)

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Title | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | onNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
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| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | · | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title | Number | | |
| | | | | | | 2 | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PLASTINA FRANCO C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703

EVP, Power & RF

Signatures

Bradley D. Kohn, as agent for Franco

Plastina 11/03/2016

> **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) Disposition of shares back to the company to satisfy withholding obligations related to stock awards vesting November 2, 2016.
- Includes 2050 shares purchased by Mr. Plastina on April 30, 2016 and October 31, 2016 under the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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