

VON ARX DOLPH W

Form 4

May 25, 2010

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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Section 16.  
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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

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

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## 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

VON ARX DOLPH W

## 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CREE INC [CREE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3663 RUM ROW

## 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

05/21/2010

☒ Director☐ 10% Owner☐ Officer (give title  
below)☐ Other (specify  
below)

(Street)

## 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

NAPLES, FL 34102

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

**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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
COMMON STOCK	05/21/2010		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 16,000 A \$ 19.88	500,435	D <sup>(1)</sup>	

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 19.88	05/21/2010		M	16,000	12/31/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 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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