

CREE INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* VON ARX, DOLPH W. (Last) (First) (Middle) 3663 RUM ROW (Street) NAPELS, FL 34102 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CREE, INC. ("CREE") | | | | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director — <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner — <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) — <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | | | |
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| 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) | | | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 1/29/2003 | | | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| 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 & 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 1/29/2003 | 1/29/2003 | G | V | 800 | D | \$0.00 | 673,450 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | | | | | 22,500 | I | BY IRA |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | 10. Ownership Form of Deriv- | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | | (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) | Date Exer-cisable | Expira-tion Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | | | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

By: /s/ **TAMARA CAPPELSON**
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

1/30/03
 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, the person whose signature appears below, hereby appoint Adam H. Broome, Secretary of Cree, Inc, Tamara Cappelson, Stock Plan Administrator of the Company, and each of them individually, as my attorney-in-fact and authority:

- * to execute and file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on my behalf, pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, Statements of Changes in Beneficial Ownership and Annual Statements of Changes in Beneficial Ownership on Form 5, and any amendments of Forms 5, for me, with respect to my service as a director and/or officer of the Company and my holdings of securities of which I may be deemed the beneficial owner;
- * to do and perform on my behalf any and all other acts necessary or desirable to complete, execute and file Forms 4 and 5 and any amendments thereto with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and, if necessary, to obtain similar authority, including but not limited to the power to designate any person then serving as attorney-in-fact of the Company to be an additional or substitute attorney-in-fact under this Power of Attorney with respect to the Company, as if such person were named herein, and to take any other action in connection with the foregoing that such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of or legally required by me, it be executed by such attorney-in-fact on my behalf pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions as the attorney-in-fact may approve in his or her discretion.

The authority granted under this Power of Attorney shall continue in effect for each attorney-in-fact designated herein and shall be required to file Forms 4 and 5 with respect to my holdings of and transactions in Company securities in connection with any writing signed by me and delivered to such attorney-in-fact. I acknowledge that neither the attorney-in-fact nor I are assuming any of my responsibilities to comply with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Power of Attorney on the date shown below.

/s/ Dolph W. von Arx

Signature

Dolph W. von Arx

Typed or Printed Name

August 29, 2002

Date Signed