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

Notice of Exempt Offering of Securities

OMB APPROVAL

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1. Issuer's Identity

CIK (Filer ID Number)	Previous Names	None	Entity Type
<a href="#">0000895419</a>	CREE RESEARCH INC /NC/		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company <input type="checkbox"/> General Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Business Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<b>Name of Issuer</b>			
CREE INC			
<b>Jurisdiction of Incorporation/Organization</b>			
NORTH CAROLINA			
<b>Year of Incorporation/Organization</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Over Five Years Ago			
<input type="checkbox"/> Within Last Five Years (Specify Year)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yet to Be Formed			

2. Principal Place of Business and Contact Information

Name of Issuer		Street Address 1		Street Address 2	Phone Number of Issuer
CREE INC		4600 SILICON DR			
City	State/Province/Country	ZIP/PostalCode	Phone Number of Issuer		
DURHAM	NORTH CAROLINA	27703	9194075300		

3. Related Persons

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Swoboda	Charles	M.
Street Address 1	Street Address 2	ZIP/PostalCode
4600 Silicon Drive		
City	State/Province/Country	ZIP/PostalCode
Durham	NORTH CAROLINA	27703
<b>Relationship:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Promoter		

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Kurtzweil	John	T.
Street Address 1	Street Address 2	ZIP/PostalCode
4600 Silicon Drive		
City	State/Province/Country	ZIP/PostalCode
Durham	NORTH CAROLINA	27703
<b>Relationship:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Promoter		

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Kelley	Stephen	D.
Street Address 1	Street Address 2	
4600 Silicon Drive		
City	State/Province/Country	ZIP/PostalCode
Durham	NORTH CAROLINA	27703
<b>Relationship:</b> X Executive Officer Director Promoter		

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
von Arx	Dolph	W.
Street Address 1	Street Address 2	
4600 Silicon Drive		
City	State/Province/Country	ZIP/PostalCode
Durham	NORTH CAROLINA	27703
<b>Relationship:</b> Executive Officer X Director Promoter		

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Hosein	Clyde	R.
Street Address 1	Street Address 2	
4600 Silicon Drive		
City	State/Province/Country	ZIP/PostalCode
Durham	NORTH CAROLINA	27703
<b>Relationship:</b> Executive Officer X Director Promoter		

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Ingram	Robert	A.
Street Address 1	Street Address 2	
4600 Silicon Drive		
City	State/Province/Country	ZIP/PostalCode
Durham	NORTH CAROLINA	27703
<b>Relationship:</b> Executive Officer X Director Promoter		

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Plastina	Franco	
Street Address 1	Street Address 2	
4600 Silicon Drive		
City	State/Province/Country	ZIP/PostalCode
Durham	NORTH CAROLINA	27703
<b>Relationship:</b> Executive Officer X Director Promoter		

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Tillman	Robert	L.
Street Address 1	Street Address 2	
4600 Silicon Drive		
City	State/Province/Country	ZIP/PostalCode
Durham	NORTH CAROLINA	27703

**Relationship:** Executive Officer X Director Promoter

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Wagner	Harvey	A.
Street Address 1	Street Address 2	
4600 Silicon Drive		
City	State/Province/Country	ZIP/PostalCode
Durham	NORTH CAROLINA	27703

**Relationship:** Executive Officer X Director Promoter

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Werner	Thomas	H.
Street Address 1	Street Address 2	
4600 Silicon Drive		
City	State/Province/Country	ZIP/PostalCode
Durham	NORTH CAROLINA	27703

**Relationship:** Executive Officer X Director Promoter

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Ruud	Alan	J.
Street Address 1	Street Address 2	
4600 Silicon Drive		
City	State/Province/Country	ZIP/PostalCode
Durham	NORTH CAROLINA	27703

**Relationship:** Executive Officer X Director Promoter

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

#### 4. Industry Group

Agriculture	Health Care	Retailing
Banking & Financial Services	Biotechnology	Restaurants
Commercial Banking	Health Insurance	Technology
Insurance	Hospitals & Physicians	Computers
Investing	Pharmaceuticals	Telecommunications
Investment Banking	Other Health Care	X Other Technology
Pooled Investment Fund	Manufacturing	Travel
Is the issuer registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940?	Real Estate	Airlines & Airports
Yes	Commercial	Lodging & Conventions
No	Construction	Tourism & Travel Services
Other Banking & Financial Services	REITS & Finance	Other Travel
Business Services	Residential	Other
Energy	Other Real Estate	
Coal Mining		
Electric Utilities		
Energy Conservation		
Environmental Services		

Oil & Gas  
Other Energy

5. Issuer Size

<b>Revenue Range</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>Aggregate Net Asset Value Range</b>
No Revenues		No Aggregate Net Asset Value
\$1 - \$1,000,000		\$1 - \$5,000,000
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000		\$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000
\$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000		\$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000
\$25,000,001 - \$100,000,000		\$50,000,001 - \$100,000,000
X Over \$100,000,000		Over \$100,000,000
Decline to Disclose		Decline to Disclose
Not Applicable		Not Applicable

6. Federal Exemption(s) and Exclusion(s) Claimed (select all that apply)

Rule 504(b)(1) (not (i), (ii) or (iii))	Rule 505
Rule 504 (b)(1)(i)	X Rule 506
Rule 504 (b)(1)(ii)	Securities Act Section 4(5)
Rule 504 (b)(1)(iii)	Investment Company Act Section 3(c)
	Section 3(c)(1)      Section 3(c)(9)
	Section 3(c)(2)      Section 3(c)(10)
	Section 3(c)(3)      Section 3(c)(11)
	Section 3(c)(4)      Section 3(c)(12)
	Section 3(c)(5)      Section 3(c)(13)
	Section 3(c)(6)      Section 3(c)(14)
	Section 3(c)(7)

7. Type of Filing

X New Notice    Date of First Sale 2011-08-17    First Sale Yet to Occur  
Amendment

8. Duration of Offering

Does the Issuer intend this offering to last more than one year?    Yes X No

9. Type(s) of Securities Offered (select all that apply)

X Equity	Pooled Investment Fund Interests
Debt	Tenant-in-Common Securities
Option, Warrant or Other Right to Acquire Another Security	Mineral Property Securities
Security to be Acquired Upon Exercise of Option, Warrant or Other Right to Acquire Security	Other (describe)

10. Business Combination Transaction

Is this offering being made in connection with a business combination transaction, such as a merger, acquisition or exchange offer?    X Yes    No

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

Shares issued in connection with the acquisition of Ruud Lighting, Inc.

11. Minimum Investment

Minimum investment accepted from any outside investor \$0 USD

## 12. Sales Compensation

Recipient	Recipient CRD Number X None	
(Associated) Broker or Dealer X None	(Associated) Broker or Dealer CRD Number X None	
<b>Street Address 1</b>	<b>Street Address 2</b>	
City	State/Province/Country	ZIP/Postal Code
State(s) of Solicitation (select all that apply) Check "All States" or check individual States	All States	Foreign/non-US

## 13. Offering and Sales Amounts

Total Offering Amount	\$211,039,698 USD	or	Indefinite
Total Amount Sold	\$211,039,698 USD		
Total Remaining to be Sold	\$0 USD	or	Indefinite

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

Offering amount based upon 6,074,833 shares of common stock at a closing price of \$34.74 per share on August 17, 2011.

## 14. Investors

Select if securities in the offering have been or may be sold to persons who do not qualify as accredited investors, and enter the number of such non-accredited investors who already have invested in the offering.

Regardless of whether securities in the offering have been or may be sold to persons who do not qualify as accredited investors, enter the total number of investors who already have invested in the offering:

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## 15. Sales Commissions & Finder's Fees Expenses

Provide separately the amounts of sales commissions and finders fees expenses, if any. If the amount of an expenditure is not known, provide an estimate and check the box next to the amount.

Sales Commissions	\$0 USD	Estimate
Finders' Fees	\$0 USD	Estimate

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

## 16. Use of Proceeds

Provide the amount of the gross proceeds of the offering that has been or is proposed to be used for payments to any of the persons required to be named as executive officers, directors or promoters in response to Item 3 above. If the amount is unknown, provide an estimate and check the box next to the amount.

\$0 USD Estimate

Clarification of Response (if Necessary):

## Signature and Submission

Please verify the information you have entered and review the Terms of Submission below before signing and clicking SUBMIT below to file this notice.

## Terms of Submission

In submitting this notice, each issuer named above is:

- Notifying the SEC and/or each State in which this notice is filed of the offering of securities described and undertaking to furnish them, upon written request, in the accordance with applicable law, the information furnished to offerees.\*
- Irrevocably appointing each of the Secretary of the SEC and, the Securities Administrator or other legally designated officer of the State in which the issuer maintains its principal place of business and any State in which this notice is filed, as its agents for service of process, and agreeing that these persons may accept service on its behalf, of any notice, process or pleading, and further agreeing that such service may be made by registered or certified mail, in any Federal or state action,

administrative proceeding, or arbitration brought against the issuer in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, if the action, proceeding or arbitration (a) arises out of any activity in connection with the offering of securities that is the subject of this notice, and (b) is founded, directly or indirectly, upon the provisions of: (i) the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or any rule or regulation under any of these statutes, or (ii) the laws of the State in which the issuer maintains its principal place of business or any State in which this notice is filed.

- Certifying that, if the issuer is claiming a Rule 505 exemption, the issuer is not disqualified from relying on Rule 505 for one of the reasons stated in Rule 505(b)(2)(iii).

Each Issuer identified above has read this notice, knows the contents to be true, and has duly caused this notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

For signature, type in the signer's name or other letters or characters adopted or authorized as the signer's signature.

<b>Issuer</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Name of Signer</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
CREE INC	/s/ Adam Broome	Adam Broome	General Counsel and Secretary	2011-08-17

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