

CREE INC
Form 8-A12G/A
January 31, 2013

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A/A
(Amendment No. 3)
FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

CREE, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina
(State of incorporation or organization)

56-1572719
(I.R.S. Employer Identification
Number)

4600 Silicon Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27703
(Address of principal executive offices)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class to be so registered | Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered |
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| Preferred Stock Purchase Rights | The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC |

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. [X]

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box. []

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: N/A (if applicable)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
None
(Title of Class)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

On April 24, 2012, the Board of Directors of Cree, Inc., a North Carolina corporation (the “Company”), approved, and the Company entered into, an Amended and Restated Rights Agreement (as it may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, the “Amended and Restated Rights Agreement”) with American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, as rights agent.

On January 29, 2013, the Company entered into an amendment to the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement (the “Amendment”) between the Company and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, as rights agent. The sole purpose of the Amendment is to revise the expiration date of the preferred stock purchase rights described therein (the “Rights”) from September 30, 2018 to April 24, 2017.

Except as modified by the Amendment, the description and terms of the Rights remain as set forth in the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement and as previously disclosed in Amendment No. 2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 26, 2012 (the “Prior Registration Statement”). The Amended and Restated Rights Agreement and the Amendment are included as exhibits hereto and are incorporated by reference herein. The description of the Rights set forth in the Prior Registration Statement, as modified by the foregoing description, does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibits.

Item 2. Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit |
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| 4.1 | Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, amended and restated as of April 24, 2012, between Cree, Inc. and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, including the form of Articles of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation of the Company, the form of Rights Certificate and the Summary of Rights to Purchase Preferred Stock, attached thereto as Exhibits A, B and C, respectively (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 26, 2012) |
| 4.2 | Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of January 29, 2013 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 31, 2013) |
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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

CREE, INC.

By: /s/ Adam H. Broome
Adam H. Broome
Vice President–Legal & Secretary

Date: January 31, 2013

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| 4.1 | Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, amended and restated as of April 24, 2012, between Cree, Inc. and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, including the form of Articles of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation of the Company, the form of Rights Certificate and the Summary of Rights to Purchase Preferred Stock, attached thereto as Exhibits A, B and C, respectively (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 26, 2012) |
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