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PEORIA - SC2, a Peoria-based supplier to Caterpillar Inc. and other manufacturers, announced Thursday it has acquired a Normal company.

The acquisition of NuAir Corp., also a supplier to various manufacturers, will give SC2, formerly called Superior Consolidated Industries Inc., eight facilities in central Illinois and more than 700 employees.

NuAir's client base, which includes Caterpillar, Mitsubishi Motors North America, Toyota Corp., Iron-A-Way and State Farm Insurance Cos., will transfer to SC2. The 80-plus employees there will remain at the Normal plant at 2219 W. College Ave., said Matt Martin, vice president of SC2.

"At this point, there are no planned changes in employment at NuAir," he said.

Terms of the acquisition, which is expected to be completed by Oct. 1, will not be disclosed, he said.

SC2 is an employee-owned company based at 801 SW Jefferson Ave. in Peoria. The company, founded as Superior Consolidated Industries in Tremont in 1983 by David Schmidgall, currently has seven facilities in Peoria, East Peoria, Delavan and Mapleton.

The services it provides its customers include industrial coating, packaging, warehousing, distribution, sub-assembly and reverse logistics. The company is QS-9000 certified and uses 6 Sigma methodologies.

NuAir provides metal fabricated components, air filtration products and supply chain services.

One of the things that attracted SC2 to NuAir, Martin said, is that it also uses 6 Sigma and has the same certifications.

"NuAir has been following a parallel path to SC2 in its development of services within the supply chain industry and its strong foundation of 6 Sigma within its value set provides for a cohesive union of our two companies," Martin said.

"With this acquisition, we will be better poised to not only serve our customer's assembly lines and after-market service requirements, but also their indirect facility requirements through our air filtration products and facility maintenance services."

Said Kevin McGinty, president of SC2, "The synergistic balance brought to our company by the addition of NuAir will allow us to continue our development in providing a complete line of supply chain solutions that are on time, cost effective and best in class."

