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Bicron Electronics moving to Torrington in July

About 50 jobs coming to Goshen Road office this year

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TORRINGTON >> Bicron Electronics will be moving from Canaan to Torrington in July, bringing just over 50 employees and hoping to add more within the next year.

Bicron Electronics is focused on the design and manufacturing of magnetics for electrical power control (transformers) and electromechanical for motion control (solenoids).

The move to Torrington is positive in many ways, Mayor Elinor Carbone said during a press conference announcing the move Thursday. The company will bring jobs and help expand the city's tax base, she said. In addition, these are employees that will be utilizing services in Torrington, she said

"So immediately you see that the benefit goes beyond the investment that Bicron is making in Torrington," Carbone said.

Company president and owner Chris Skomorowski started looking at a new location about a year ago along Route 8, he said.

"Most of the employees at Bicron Electronics are from Winsted or Torrington, and they are our most valuable asset," he said Thursday. "We wanted to stay in this area. We started looking north of Winsted, south of Torrington and east of Avon. We chose this area because it was convenient and anytime we had a question about anything, we had a quick response from the mayor and other staff and we were impressed with that."

The new location will be 427 Goshen Road, the former home of Ducci Electric. The building is going to become a manufacturing facility that is going to take 120 days to fix up, officials said.

The company is hoping to move in by July 15. Currently they have three buildings where people work and another building for storage.

“We are all going to be under one roof, which is going to be fabulous,” Skomorowski said. “Communication is a lot easier for us.”

Founded in April 1964, the corporate headquarters and U.S. manufacturing building is in Canaan, with other manufacturing buildings in China and Central America, officials said.

Just over half of the parts, 52 percent, are made in Canaan, while the other 48 percent are made in China, officials said. About 80 percent of the products the company makes are transformers. Some products the transformers are used for are hybrid vehicles and energy power controls, officials said. The solenoids are also used to make locks, on/off devices, pharmaceutical equipment and military hardware. The company also exports its products to China, Brazil, India and Germany.

The biggest customer for Bicron Electrics is General Electric, which is soon moving its headquarters from Fairfield to Boston. GE buys appliance, energy, industrial systems and transportation parts, company officials said.

“We have about 200 active customers,” Skomorowski said. “The unique thing about us is the product we sign to GE can only be sold to GE, and no one else can buy it but General Electric.”

General Dynamics is another big customer for military applications.

“We don’t develop a product in the mass market,” Skomorowski said. “Every one of these products has a unique application for one customer. ... So we are a custom design house. We are really customer focused.”

Skomorowski has been the president of the company since 2007 and became the owner in 2010.

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