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Scan Global Logistics is headed straight forward, acquires Horizon International Cargo Limited

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The Nordic-based logistics forwarder, Scan Global Logistics is moving fast in its quest to increase its global footprint. Horizon International Cargo Limited, a traditional air and ocean forwarder headquartered in the UK, becomes part of SGL.

The ink is barely dry on the latest acquisition agreement with the New Zealand freight forwarder, Orbis Global Logistics Limited before SGL sets foot in the UK. The acquisition will allow SGL to pursue new business opportunities and offer notable commercial synergies to their customers worldwide through an improved position in key trade lanes. Besides, three common denominators will strengthen the logistics offers of the expanded organization: Strength in air freight, customer-centricity, matching cultural identity.

Nigel Davies, Horizon International Cargo's Chairman, comments: "From the outset, the cultural fit between our two companies was very evident. This, combined with the synergies of our respective operational footprints, makes a perfect platform to take advantage of the exciting opportunities ahead. We very much look forward to our future with SGL, remaining every bit as focused on providing customers with the dedicated service, care, and flexibility they have come to expect from Horizon over the years."

First time setting foot in the UK

Up to this point, Scan Global Logistics has not had a presence in the UK. The infrastructure and the 150 Horizon staff located in 5 countries will remain unaltered and play an essential role in expanding the company's presence in key verticals retail, pharma healthcare, aid & relief.

Expanding global footprint

Horizon also fills a significant gap in expanding SGL's global footprint, as Ragnar Dalen, EVP Corporate Development, expands:

"The new locations are important pillars in our strategic growth plans, not only in the UK but also in the rest of the world. Horizon's offices in Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, and the USA will further strengthen our existing setups and help us reach our goals in these countries."

He continues: "Furthermore, we are excited to help our customers uncomplicate the increased complexities in the aftermath of Brexit through the vast experience of Horizon's import and export customs departments."

A people's business

A strong cultural fit is an essential step in SGL's acquisition strategy. Allan Melgaard, Group CEO, explains how the evident fit will strengthen the expanding family in several locations:

"To ensure there is a cultural fit between our organizations, we perform an extensive cultural DNA study before concluding the process. In the case of Horizon, the cultural match is unquestionable. Also, our shared belief of the customer in focus provides the best possible basis for a successful amalgamation of the two companies. We are very pleased to welcome all Horizon staff members throughout the world to the SGL family", Allan Melgaard emphasizes.

About Scan Global Logistics Group

Scan Global Logistics is a global full-service logistics provider headquartered in the Nordic, which excels in uncomplicating logistics through tailored solutions made by skilled specialists, proud problem-solvers, and passionate entrepreneurs.

Since 1972, the core of our DNA has been a 'can-do-attitude,' agility, and the willingness to always go the extra mile, and we are not afraid to go left when others go right. For us, every challenge is an opportunity. We go above and beyond to bring anything anywhere – whether by road, rail, ocean, air, or other modes of transportation.

About Horizon International Cargo

Established in 1991, Horizon International has grown to become one of the largest privately-owned freight and logistics organisations with 11 offices located across Asia, Europe, and North America.

Built on the philosophy of "quality in motion" over the past 30 years, we have focused on delivering robust, sustainable, and complex solutions for customers both locally and globally. Traditional Air and Ocean services have expanded to encompass Warehousing, E-Commerce, and Supply Chain solutions.



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