

IJS Global turns focus to Europe

IN A SWEEPING geographic expansion, logistics provider and multimodal freight forwarder IJS Global has launched operations throughout Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

The Connecticut-based company's growth includes the creation of a headquarters function in Amsterdam for its Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) division, the start of Dutch operations at Schiphol Airport Amsterdam and the opening of a Middle East support centre in the Dubai Airport Free Zone.

The expansion positions IJS Global in the Middle East and Africa markets for the

first time and broadens the company's European presence, having in the past focused its logistics operations solely on Italy.

Operating out of seven US offices, with an international network of agents, IJS Global has focused its expansion efforts in recent months on the US and Asia markets.

"This is a major step in building out our global footprint," said John Gallahan, president and CEO, IJS Global.

He noted the company's expansion policy had been to first grow its presence in Asia before turning its attention "to Europe, the Middle East



Van Loon points to "compelling opportunities"

and, in particular, Dubai".
"We are now beginning to complete the foundation

of our global network," Gallahan added.

Logistics veteran Sjoerd Van Loon will head the EMEA network at IJS Global, where he has been named CEO for Europe, Middle East and Africa.

Van Loon commented: "The global consolidation among multinational freight forwarders is triggering compelling opportunities in almost every market.

"As large companies merge and combine, smaller global freight forwarders step into the breach to offer opportunities to professionals looking to move on and make a difference elsewhere," he added.