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Governor Bill Richardson Meets with German Executives to Lure New Business to New Mexico

MUNICH -- Governor Bill Richardson wrapped up two days of high-level meetings with several CEO's considering expanding their business operations to New Mexico.

One major solar energy company that has committed to expanding to the United States is now seriously considering New Mexico after meeting with the Governor.

Several other company CEO's committed to visit New Mexico later this summer and in the fall.

"New Mexico is on the radar for the solar energy industry," Governor Richardson said. "These CEO's are motivated to expand and they appreciated our personal pitch to do business in New Mexico."

One company, KUK Filmproduktion, committed to open an office in Albuquerque and explore the possibility of operating a simulated space travel operation in conjunction with Spaceport America. KUK already operates simulated space travel, car racing and other 3-D operations in Germany.

Governor Richardson had a lunch meeting with the owners of Schott Solar, which is investing 1 billion in a new manufacturing facility at Mesa del Sol. In addition to thanking Schott CEO Dr. Udo Ungeheuer, Governor Richardson identified other companies that will consider business in New Mexico as a result of the state's partnership with Schott.

Governor Richardson visited the InterSolar fair today in Munich where he personally sought out companies that are looking to expand. The Governor, joined by Economic Development Secretary Fred Mondragon and Gary Tonjes, executive director of Albuquerque Economic Development, met privately with a half dozen CEO's about considering business opportunities in New Mexico.

The Governor visited during a Wednesday dinner meeting with representatives of 18 companies, including Faber-Castell Co., EADS (maker of Airbus), Bio-M AG, Schott Solar, Schucco International, Kostal Industrial Electronics, IB Vogt GmbH, Phoenix

Solar, Sulfercell, Solar World, q-Cells, IBC Solar Inc., KUK Filmproduktion GmbH, Xoan Labs, Solarmarket, BSW German Solar Association, Alsace International, Siemens AG and Concentrix Solar GmbH.

Finally, the Governor hosted a tourism breakfast this morning, pitching New Mexico as a destination for about 30 influential German travel agents, travel writers and package tour operators.

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