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Governor Bill Richardson Recruits Business in Norway *Gov. Richardson also meets with Prime Minister*

OSLO, NORWAY - Governor Bill Richardson convinced Norway's largest energy Company, StatoilHydro, to send representatives to New Mexico to explore investment opportunities.

Governor Richardson also lobbied a Norwegian electric car company to consider New Mexico as it looks toward possible expansion into the U.S. Market.

"Norway is prospering and these companies are looking for attractive opportunities for expansion and investment," Governor Richardson said. "I have a history with Norway's political and business leaders and they were very receptive to my pitch to consider doing business in New Mexico."

StatoilHydro CEO Helge Lund agreed to send a team from the company's Houston office to look for opportunities to invest in natural gas in New Mexico.

During a breakfast meeting with Jan-Olaf Willums, CEO of TH!NK, a Norwegian electric car company, Governor Richardson outlined the state's clean energy incentives and pointed out that Tesla Motors is opening a manufacturing plant in New Mexico.

Governor Richardson also met with Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg. Governor Richardson, a former U.S. Energy Secretary, previously worked with Prime Minister Stoltenberg when he served as Norway's Energy Minister.

Governor Richardson also delivered a speech to the Nobel Institute, which is based in Oslo.

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