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Major oil companies led astray

All did not go exactly according to plan when Greenland invited all the major international oil companies to attend a meeting at the Greenland Attaché office in Copenhagen. The objective of the meeting was to inform and explain the upcoming exploration bidding round in eastern Greenland. Nobody expected a stunt action from Greenpeace based in the Faroese Attaché, one floor below the Greenland office. Conned oil company representatives Although the Scottish oil company Cairn had delivered a rather pessimistic report on their drilling activities in western Greenland the previous day, most of the large international oil companies still wished to attend the meeting in Copenhagen. The environmental group Greenpeace had gained wind of this meeting, and for them took, a rather unusual and less spectacular action, than we normally expect from them. As the oil company representatives arrived at the North Atlantic Quayside, where the meeting was scheduled, some protesters from Greenpeace were gathered, banishing their usual banners, protesting against oil exploration in the Arctic region. Upon entry very well-dressed and polite people met the oil company representatives and they were led to the fourth floor and into the office of the Faroe Attaché. There the oil people were given an explanation about oil exploration in Greenland by the disguised Greenpeace people and they tried to convince the oil people that all was not rosy, regarding future oil exploration in Greenland. At the same time in the Greenland Attaché office on the fifth floor, they were stupefied why so few oil company representatives had turned up for this very important meeting regarding the future exploration of eastern Greenland. As time passed however, the oil people led astray by Greenpeace, begun to realise all was not right and they finally left and arrived at the correct meeting place. Oljan.fo understands that Greenpeace,

under the abbreviation NDNS (No Drill No Spill), had previously made an agreement with the North Atlantic Quayside, to rent the Faroe premises. The Norwegian media have made quite a song and dance about this rather funny episode, where Greenpeace was able to set the agenda and present their message concerning the Arctic region. This event has been coined A creative stunt by some of the media. Not all however were led astray by this event and Oljan.fo understands that the Faroe oil company representatives, Mr Rúni M. Hansen from Statoil and responsible for the Greenland area arrived at the Greenland office on time, as did Mr Nils Sørensen from Faroe Petroleum. The interest for We have not managed to have a comment from the two Faroese representatives, but the Norwegian media are widely reporting that oil people, some also from Statoil were conned by Greenpeace. The interest for oil exploration in eastern Greenland is massive and Statoil has already conducted some very promising core sampling. Based upon these results, many of the representatives will approach their hinterland to acquire a green light to bid for acreage in eastern Greenland.

