

People work here not for the sake of records, but for the sake of people. Even so, the ultra-deep borehole is listed in the "Guinness Book of Records." It is specialists, for example, who determine the age of a core sample. That's right, not too long ago, the latest methodology revealed the age of one deep-drilled section to be 12 billion years!

I pick up a small flat grayish pebble with black specks. It is three billion years old. What new information will it convey to the scientists about the Earth?

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