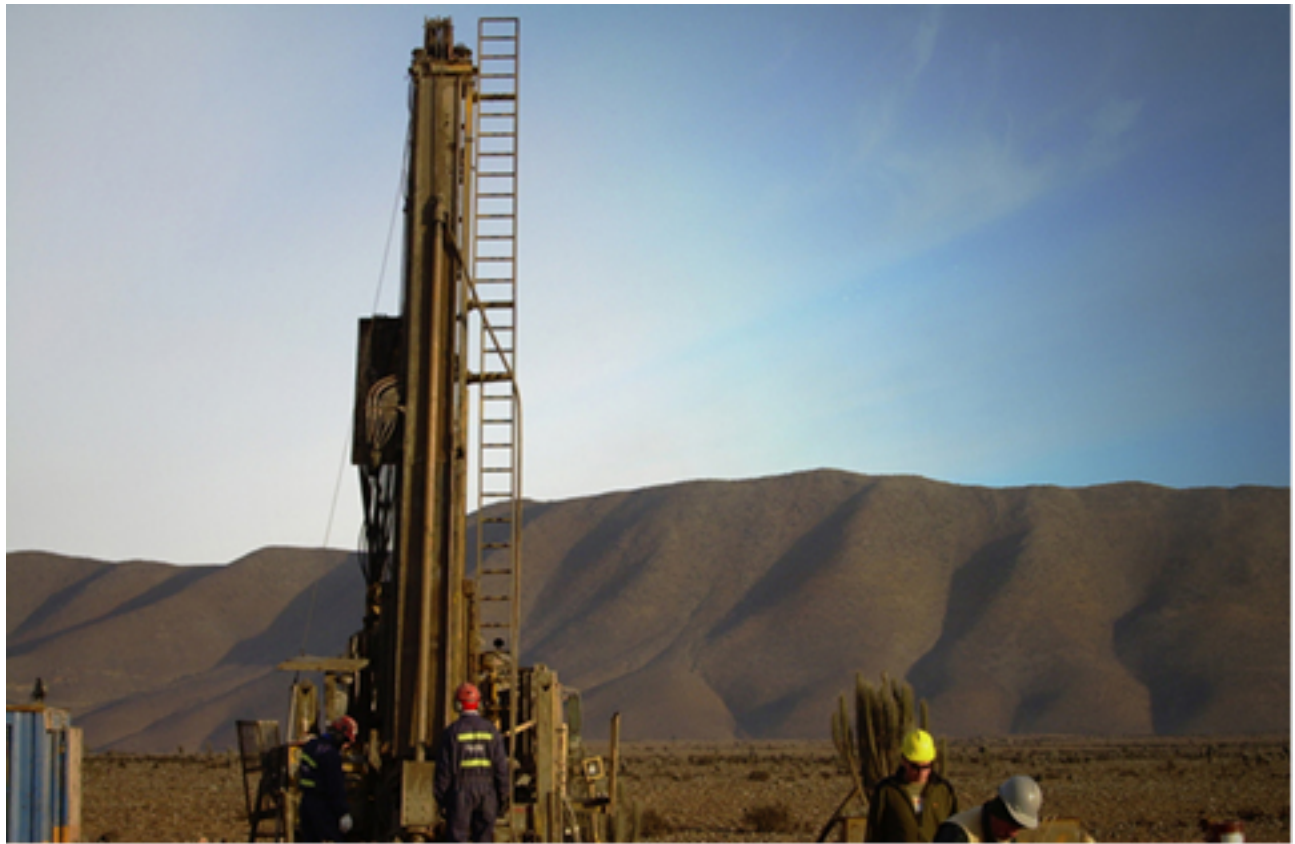


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# Repositioned Core

Rock core extracted from 5285 feet,  
metal scaffolding, modified architecture.  
28 x 92 x 18 feet

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Core extractions in situ

Fossil fuel consumption produces numerous unexpected results, many of them troubling. When a petroleum company prospects for oil, an extraction of earth, called a core, is routinely done to determine the presence of hydrocarbons in that given area.

However costly and irreplaceable the cores might be, oil companies have no reason to keep them once the viability of a particular well or reservoir has been established. The University of Texas at Austin, however, has amassed a vast repository of these oil industry cast-offs over decades.

Before they were excavated, the stories buried within these stones lay dormant for 250 million years. Here this history is reactivated as the core transects the built environment of the gallery before plunging back to its subterranean origin.

—Excerpted from the installation's wall text



Core being prepared and installed atop scaffolding in exhibition space





Installation views and details







