

Sliding Earth Cleared From "Treasure" Pit

OAK ISLAND — Robert Dunfield, Jr., said Monday a digging machine Monday cleared about 30 feet of sliding earth from the bottom of a pit on this small Nova Scotia island he hopes will lead to a multi-million dollar treasure trove.

Mr. Dunfield said he hadn't measured the depth of the pit, but he believed it to be about 130 feet deep. An 80-ton digging apparatus was increasing the size of the pit to about 21 feet in diameter.

The Los Angeles petroleum geologist said operations were suspended for 12 hours at the pit Sunday night because temperatures were too cold to operate the large crane.

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