Reasons Known by BP for Top Kill Failure

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What -- what did you attribute to be the reason that top kill was unsuccessful?

A. As -- as I stated previously, one of the -- when the bridging material doesn't do its job is because of two things. One is the pressure's just too high and it pushes the material through the area you're trying to bridge up, or the area you're trying to bridge up is just too large. Because we were restricted by the Macondo BOP fixed lines, there was a limit to the size of the material that we could put in there. We don't believe the pressure was the culprit because we saw the pressure being around 3,000 pounds, and typically, that's not enough to push it through any orifice that it could bridge. Some of this material was fairly large. So we think that the -- the hole we were trying to plug up was just too big.

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