

Reasons Known by BP for Top Kill Failure

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

24 A. As -- as I stated previously,
25 one of the -- when the bridging material

1 doesn't do its job is because of two
2 things. One is the pressure's just too
3 high and it pushes the material through the
4 area you're trying to bridge up, or the
5 area you're trying to bridge up is just too
6 large. Because we were restricted by the
7 Macondo BOP fixed lines, there was a limit
8 to the size of the material that we could
9 put in there. We don't believe the
10 pressure was the culprit because we saw the
11 pressure being around 3,000 pounds, and
12 typically, that's not enough to push it
13 through any orifice that it could bridge.
14 Some of this material was fairly large. So
15 we think that the -- the hole we were
16 trying to plug up was just too big.