## Reasons Known by BP for Top Kill Failure

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What -- what did you 21 22 attribute to be the reason that top kill 23 was unsuccessful? 24 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 4 5 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 8 put in there. We don't believe the 10 pressure was the culprit because we saw the pressure being around 3,000 pounds, and 11 12 typically, that's not enough to push it 13 through any orifice that it could bridge. Some of this material was fairly large. So 14 15 we think that the -- the hole we were 16 trying to plug up was just too big.