

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 that as an appropriate level of executive summary of the
2 Chairman -- the C.E.O.'s views on what steps they had
3 taken to cater to or take into account the technical
4 risk.

5 Q. Let me just press a little further on that point
6 because when I read at the bottom of page 43 and the top
7 of page 44, to me, it doesn't seem to say much. He talks
8 there about excess gas, for example, with no elaboration
9 as to excess: Is this more gassy than surrounding mines?
10 Is this an unusually gassy mine? Is this a mine that
11 will require specific accommodation of excess gas?
12 Nothing along those lines. This is all that you would
13 had expected from them?

14 A. Well, remember this was on top of almost a foot of
15 engineering and geological studies that had been
16 performed for an on behalf of Curragh and others that
17 preceded this, and I had had sight of those, and it made
18 extensive reference to the types of problems that are
19 summarized here as hazards to be catered for, or to be
20 taken into account. So it seemed to me that this summary
21 was faithful to some of the content of the engineering
22 and geological studies that had -- that underpinned the
23 project.

24 Q. Now when we talked this morning, I had asked you
25 about whether the technical evaluation that your