In another aspect, the disclosure relates to a seal assembly of a blowout preventer. The blowout preventer includes a pair of opposing ram blocks positionable about a pipe of a wellsite. The seal assembly includes a pair of seals carried by the pair of opposing ram blocks and a plurality of inserts. The inserts carried by the pair of seals and positionable about the pipe in an elliptical array. Each of the inserts having an upper body and a lower body with a rib therebetween. Each of the upper and lower bodies have an extended tip on a seal end thereof and a tip receptacle on a leading face thereof. The extended tips of the upper and lower bodies of each of the inserts are receivable in the tip receptacles of an adjacent one of the inserts whereby extrusion of the pair of seals between the inserts is restricted.

In yet another aspect, the disclosure relates to a blowout preventer for sealing a pipe of a wellsite. The blowout preventer includes a housing, a pair of opposing ram blocks positionable about a pipe of a wellsite, and a seal assembly. The seal assembly includes a pair of seals carried by the pair of opposing ram blocks and positionable in sealing engagement about the pipe and a plurality of inserts. The inserts are carried by the pair of seals and positionable about the pipe in an elliptical array. Each of the inserts have an upper body and a lower body with a rib therebetween. Each of the upper and lower bodies have an extended tip on a seal end thereof and a tip receptacle on a leading face thereof. The extended tips of the upper and lower bodies of each of the inserts are receivable in the tip receptacles of an adjacent one of the inserts whereby extrusion of the pair of seals between the inserts is restricted.

Finally, in yet another aspect, the disclosure relates to a method of sealing a pipe of a wellsite. The method involves providing a blowout preventer including a housing, a pair of opposing ram blocks positionable about the pipe, and a seal assembly. The seal assembly includes a pair of seals carried by the opposing ram blocks and a plurality of inserts, ~~The~~ carried by the pair of seals. The inserts have an upper body and a lower body with a rib therebetween. Each of the upper and lower bodies has an extended tip on a seal end thereof and a tip receptacle on a leading face thereof. The method further involves positioning the inserts of the seal assembly about the pipe in an elliptical array by advancing the opposing ram blocks toward the pipe, and restricting extrusion of the pair of seals between the inserts by receiving the extended tips of the upper and lower bodies of each of the inserts in the tip receptacles of an adjacent one of the inserts.