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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**

**PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF**

**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Report on Form 6-K dated November 8, 2012

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**News Release**

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**AngloGold Posts 3rd-Quarter Earnings of \$235m; Projects on Track**

(ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI) – AngloGold Ashanti posted adjusted headline earnings of \$235m in the third quarter, during which time it continued to advance its major growth projects in Australia, the United States and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Overall production in the quarter was primarily affected by labour unrest in South Africa which led to an unprotected strike which halted the company’s six South African mines for more than a month, as well as lower-than-anticipated production from the Obuasi mine in Ghana. The unprotected strike action in South Africa has now been resolved at all but one of the mines and the decision was taken last month to cancel the underground development contract at Obuasi to improve the operation’s flexibility.

In order to maintain its balance sheet flexibility, AngloGold Ashanti has reduced its capital expenditure budget for this year by \$200m to between \$2bn and \$2.1bn. The company is also conducting a study of its corporate costs, focusing on drawing fewer, higher-quality ounces from its South African mines and reviewing the timing of projects including the Sadiola Deeps project in Mali and the Mongbwalu project in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

*“It’s been a tough period for the industry here, but we’ve taken decisive action on a number of fronts to stay the course,”* AngloGold Ashanti Chief Executive Mark Cutifani said. *“Our major projects are on track and we’re making the decisions to ensure we maintain a lean, fit business that will continue delivering strong returns.”*

As of 2 November, the unprotected strike, which started on 20 September at the Kopanang mine and spread to the balance of the Vaal River operations and the three West Wits mines on 25 September, cost AngloGold Ashanti about 250,000oz in production lost during the fourth quarter to the work stoppage and the slow ramp-up of production, which is complicated by the depth of the mines and the protracted period of inactivity. While this figure may rise due to the resumption of the strike at the Mponeng mine on 3 November, concerted efforts are underway to resolve the situation and return the operations to normality.

Given the continued work stoppage at the Mponeng mine and uncertainty around the timing of a resolution and also the consequent ramp-up of production, AngloGold Ashanti believes it prudent to only provide quarterly cost and production guidance once a resolution is reached, normal work patterns have resumed and there is greater visibility of future production.

**Third Quarter**

Adjusted headline earnings in the three months to 30 September were \$235m, or 61 US cents a share, compared with \$457m, or 118 US cents the previous year. The decline was due to lower volumes, a declining gold price, inflationary impact on cash costs (mainly wage increases in South Africa and the Americas), lower grades and by-product credits, increased exploration and study costs and higher financing charges.

Production during the quarter was 1.03Moz at a total cash cost of \$866/oz, compared with guidance of 1.07Moz to 1.1Moz at \$835/oz-\$865/oz. As mentioned above, the result was affected by the labour unrest in South Africa and also the lower-than-anticipated production from the Obuasi mine in Ghana.

A dividend of 50 South African cents a share has been declared, compared with 100 cents the previous quarter. The dividend is expected to be at a similar level in the fourth quarter, assuming that the unprotected strike action is speedily resolved, before moving back in line with long-term operating and financial performance in 2013.

Tragically, four employee fatalities were recorded during the quarter. The company remains committed to eliminating occupational injuries at its mines through the continued implementation of its Project ONE operating model and improvement of safety and risk management protocols. Success to date is reflected in its all injury frequency rate, which at 8.2 per million hours worked for the year to date represents a 17% improvement since 2011.

**About AngloGold Ashanti**

AngloGold Ashanti is a global gold mining company and the world's third largest gold producer. Headquartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, AngloGold Ashanti has 20 operations on four continents and one of the gold industry's most successful exploration teams which work across both the established and new gold producing regions of the world. This includes land positions in Colombia, Egypt, Guinea, Australia and the Solomon Islands, among others. AngloGold Ashanti employed 61,242 people, including contractors, in 2011 and produced 4.33Moz of gold, generating \$6.6bn in gold income. Capital expenditure in 2011 amounted to \$1.5bn. As at 31 December 2011, AngloGold Ashanti's Ore Reserve totalled 75.6Moz. The primary listing of the company's ordinary shares is on the JSE Limited (JSE). Its ordinary shares are also listed on stock exchanges in London and Ghana, as well as being quoted in New York in the form of American Depositary Shares (ADSs), in Australia, in the form of CHESS Depositary Interests (CDIs) and in Ghana, in the form of Ghanaian Depositary Shares (GhDSs).

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AngloGold Ashanti Limited

Date: November 08, 2012

By:

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