

ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI LTD

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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**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 October 19, 2017

Commission File Number 1-14846

AngloGold Ashanti Limited

(Name of registrant)

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South Africa

(Address of principal executive offices)

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**Form 20-F**  **X**

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Yes

**No**  **X**

Enclosure: Press release **ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI ANNOUNCES THE DISPOSAL OF ITS KOPANANG MINE, THE WEST GOLD PLANT AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE**

AngloGold Ashanti Limited  
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)  
Reg. No. 1944/017354/06  
ISIN: ZAE000043485

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JSE share code: ANG  
CUSIP: 035128206

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NYSE share code: AU  
("AngloGold Ashanti" or the "Company")

**19 October 2017**

NEWS RELEASE

**ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI ANNOUNCES THE DISPOSAL OF ITS KOPANANG MINE, THE WEST GOLD PLANT AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE**

AngloGold Ashanti informed shareholders in a press release on 28 June 2017 that it had entered into a consultation process with employees in terms of section 189A of the Labour Relations Act (the "**Labour Process**") to restructure its South African operations with the aim of ensuring that this business could be safely returned to profitability whilst mitigating job losses. This restructuring process included the Kopanang Mine ceasing mining operations and transitioning to care and maintenance.

Following this announcement, AngloGold Ashanti received a number of unsolicited approaches from interested parties seeking to acquire the Kopanang Mine, the West Gold Plant and related infrastructure (the "**Sale Assets**"). The Sale Assets exclude the Kopanang gold plant and the Kopanang rock dump which will be retained by AngloGold Ashanti. The Company subsequently embarked on a process to assess the potential disposal of the Sale Assets. In a press release dated 15 September 2017, shareholders were advised that AngloGold Ashanti had signed a memorandum of understanding with a selected party regarding the potential sale of the Kopanang Mine.

AngloGold Ashanti is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement to dispose of the Sale Assets to Heaven-Sent SA Sunshine Investment Company Limited ("**HSC**"), a Chinese capital management company headquartered in Hong Kong (the "**Transaction**"). The Sale Assets will be acquired and operated by a South African subsidiary of HSC (the "**Purchaser**"). HSC currently holds a 74% interest in Village Main Reef Limited ("**VMR**") which owns and operates the Tau Lekoa Gold Mine in the Vaal River region.

The Transaction will become effective once all the conditions precedent have been fulfilled or, to the extent possible, waived (the "**Closing Date**"). The purchase consideration will be settled on the Closing Date by a payment of R100 million in cash and the transfer of certain gold bearing rock dumps from VMR to AngloGold Ashanti. The rock dumps will complement AngloGold Ashanti's existing surface rock dump reclamation operations in the Vaal River region which are treated through the Kopanang gold plant. In addition, the Company will transfer to the Purchaser all environmental obligations arising on, before or after the Closing Date that relate to the Sale Assets.

As highlighted in AngloGold Ashanti's press release of 15 September 2017, should the Transaction be successfully concluded, this will have a positive impact on the restructuring its South African operations as the Kopanang Mine would not be placed on care and maintenance but would continue to operate under the ownership of the Purchaser albeit with a reduced workforce. Moreover, AngloGold Ashanti has nevertheless agreed to pay severance packages to all employees employed at the Sale Assets on the Closing Date.

As part of the Transaction, the Purchaser will implement a Black Economic Empowerment ("BEE") transaction to incorporate the ownership of historically disadvantaged South Africans, including entrepreneurs, the community and employees of the Sale Assets in its ownership structure.

The Transaction is subject to a number of conditions precedent including the following:

- By no later than 18 November 2017, AngloGold Ashanti, the Purchaser and the relevant unions representing the employees of the Sale Assets entering into a Collective Employee Agreement in terms of which the parties thereto will, *inter alia*, agree on the list of employees that will transfer to the Purchaser on the Closing Date and a list of employees that will be retrenched as part of the Labour Process;
- By no later than 18 November 2017, the Purchaser entering into agreements relating to its proposed BEE transaction;
- All necessary consents being obtained from the Department of Mineral Resources of South Africa, including section 11 and section 102 approvals under the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act for the transfer of the mining right related to the Kopanang Mine; and
- Securing the approval of the South African Competition Authorities.

All conditions precedent must be fulfilled or, to the extent possible, waived by no later than 28 February 2018 (the "**Long Stop Date**"). The Long Stop Date can be extended by the mutual consent of both AngloGold Ashanti and the Purchaser. As a result of having entered into this agreement, the Labour Process in respect of the Sale Assets has been suspended and AngloGold Ashanti will continue to operate the Sale Assets until the Closing Date.

This Transaction is not a categorised transaction in terms of the JSE Limited Listings Requirements and this announcement is made on a voluntary basis.

19 October 2017

Johannesburg

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*to have been correct. Accordingly, results could differ materially from those set out in the forward-looking statements as a result of, among other factors, changes in economic, social and political and market conditions, the success of business and operating initiatives, changes in the regulatory environment and other government actions, including environmental approvals, fluctuations in gold prices and exchange rates, the outcome of pending or future litigation proceedings, and business and operational risk management.*

*For a discussion of such risk factors, refer to AngloGold Ashanti's annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended 31 December 2016,*

*which was filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). These factors are not necessarily all of the important factors that could cause AngloGold Ashanti's actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements.*

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*The financial information contained in this news release has not been reviewed or reported on by the Company's external auditors.*

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*"Investors" tab on the main page. This information is updated regularly. Investors should visit this website to obtain important information about AngloGold Ashanti.*

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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: October 19, 2017

By:

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