

ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI LTD

Form 6-K

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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 August 21, 2017

Commission File Number 1-14846

AngloGold Ashanti Limited

(Name of registrant)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes

**No** ☒ **X**

Enclosure: Press release **ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI SEES STRONG Q2 OPERATING RECOVERY; PROJECTS ALL ON TRACK**

AngloGold Ashanti Limited  
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)  
Reg. No. 1944/017354/06  
ISIN: ZAE000043485 – JSE share code: ANG  
CUSIP: 035128206 – NYSE share code: AU  
("AngloGold Ashanti" or the "Company")

**21 August 2017**

**NEWS RELEASE**

**AngloGold Sees Strong Q2 Operating Recovery; Projects All on Track**

(PRESS RELEASE – JOHANNESBURG) – AngloGold Ashanti achieved a strong second-quarter operating recovery, set new safety records and kept all of its brownfield projects on budget and on schedule, as it delivered gold production of 1.748Moz for the first half of the year. The Company also maintained its full-year cost and production guidance.

*"We saw an exceptionally strong operational recovery in the second quarter after a slow start to the year, and we achieved that whilst setting new safety benchmarks across our portfolio," Chief Executive Officer Srinivasan Venkatakrishnan said. "Our brownfield projects are on budget and on schedule, and we are working diligently to maintain this strong momentum through the rest of the year. We continue to focus on our long-term strategy of improving the underlying quality of our portfolio through investment in high-return projects and removal of loss-making ounces."*

Production was 1.748Moz at a total cash cost of \$796/oz for the six months ended 30 June 2017, compared to 1.745Moz at \$706/oz in the first half of last year. All-in Sustaining Costs (AISC) for the six months ended 30 June 2017 were \$1,071/oz compared to \$911/oz in the first half of last year, reflecting the impact of stronger operating currencies, lower grades, cost inflation and the planned increase in sustaining-capital expenditure.

AngloGold Ashanti has significantly increased capital expenditure in the first half of 2017, investing in a slate of self-funded, high-return brownfields projects at its International Operations, to improve the quality of its portfolio by extending mine lives and improving margins. The company has also taken steps to remove loss-making ounces from some of its older mines.

Capital expenditure (including equity accounted investments) rose 43%, from \$318m in the first half of last year, to \$454m for the six months ended 30 June 2017. The increase was largely due to increased spend on asset improvements aimed at improving mine lives and costs profiles across the portfolio.

For the first time ever, three back-to-back quarters passed with no fatal accident at any of the Company's operations, including its ultra-deep South African mines which registered 339 days fatality-free at the end of June 2017. Every operation surpassed a million fatality-free shifts.

Yatela, Geita, Iduapriem, Obuasi, La Colosa, Gramalote, Quebradona and Greenfields Exploration ended the second quarter with no injuries at all.

Group production in the first six months of 2017 was marginally higher than in the first six months of last year. The slow production from the South African operations was offset by another strong performance from the International Operations, with Siguiri achieving a 25% increase in production due to higher grades. Iduapriem, Kibali, Tropicana and AGA Mineração also reported solid performances. The Company recovered from the first quarter underperformance, with second quarter production increasing 11% to 918,000oz, from 830,000oz in the first quarter.

Adjusted earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (Adjusted EBITDA) was \$610m for the first six months of 2017, down 22% from \$781m for the first half of last year. The Adjusted EBITDA excluded the impact of the South African redundancy costs and impairments but included the impact of the estimated provision in respect of the silicosis class-action and related costs of \$63m. The ratio of net debt to Adjusted EBITDA at 30 June 2017 was 1.56 times compared with 1.44 times at 30 June 2016. The current net debt to Adjusted EBITDA ratio falls well below the covenant ratio of 3.5 times which applies under the company's revolving credit facility agreements (RCFs), highlighting the success of AngloGold Ashanti's continued efforts to maintain financial flexibility.

#### **Full-Year Guidance\***

The guidance for the full year remains unchanged as follows:

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Production between 3.6Moz and 3.75Moz;

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Capital expenditure between \$950m and \$1,050m;

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Total cash costs between \$750/oz and \$800/oz; and

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AISC between \$1,050/oz and \$1,100/oz, assuming average exchange rates against the US dollar of 13.20ZAR (Rand), 3.20BRL (Brazil Real), 0.77AUD (Aus\$) and 16.75ARS (Argentina Peso), with oil at \$48/bl on average for the year.

*\*Production, overhead and cost estimates assume neither labour interruptions or power disruptions, nor changes to asset portfolio and/or operating mines and have not been reviewed by our external auditors. Other unknown or unpredictable factors could also have material adverse effects on our future results and no assurance can be given that any expectations expressed by AngloGold Ashanti will prove to have been correct. Please*

*refer to the Risk Factors section in AngloGold Ashanti's annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended 31 December 2016, filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.*

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*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. Other unknown or unpredictable factors could also have material adverse effects on future results. Consequently, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. AngloGold Ashanti undertakes no obligation to update publicly or release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except to the extent required by applicable law. All subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements*

*attributable to AngloGold*

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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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*measures and ratios in managing its business. Non-GAAP financial measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative for,*

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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: August 21, 2017

By:

/s/ M E SANZ PEREZ

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Title:

M E Sanz Perez

EVP: Group Legal, Commercial & Governance