

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 February 01, 2022

Commission File Number 1-14846

AngloGold Ashanti Limited

(Name of registrant)

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Houghton Estate
Johannesburg, 2198
South Africa

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No

Enclosure: Press release: **ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI LIMITED TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**



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")

1 February 2022

NEWS RELEASE

ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

AngloGold Ashanti will release results for the year ended 31 December 2021 (the "Period") on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange News Service on 22 February 2022.

With reference to the Listings Requirements of the JSE Limited, issuers are required to publish a trading statement as soon as they become reasonably certain that the financial results for the period to be reported on next will differ by at least 20% from those of the previous corresponding reporting period ("comparative period").

Expected Headline Earnings and Basic Earnings

Shareholders are advised that the Company has reasonable certainty that headline earnings for the Period are expected to be between \$572 million and \$642 million, with headline earnings per share ("HEPS") of between US 137 cents and US 153 cents, a decrease of 36% to 42% from the comparative period. Headline earnings and HEPS for the comparative period in 2020 were \$1,000 million and US 238 cents, respectively.

The total basic earnings for the Period are expected to be between \$584 million and \$650 million, resulting in total basic earnings per share ("EPS") between US 139 cents and US 154 cents, a decrease of 32% to 39% from the comparative period. The basic earnings and EPS for the comparative period were \$953 million and US 227 cents, respectively.

The expected overall decrease in earnings for the Period is primarily due to the following reasons:

- Lower gold sales volumes;
- General higher operating costs resulting in an increase in the cost of sales mainly due to lower grades achieved and higher level of stockpile drawdowns – exacerbated by inflationary pressures and the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on costs;
- Unfavourable foreign exchange movements of \$43 million or US 10 cents per share;
- Increased exploration and evaluation costs of \$40 million or US 10 cents per share, as previously guided;
- Lower income from joint ventures mainly due to the once-off profit of \$19 million or US 5 cents per share achieved through the disposal of the Mali operations in 2020; and

- Increased once-off other expenses, including:
 - The voluntary temporary suspension of underground mining activities at Obuasi following the sill pillar incident in May 2021 while rebuilding infrastructure and preparing the mine to resume underground production, resulted in care & maintenance costs incurred of \$45 million or US 11 cents per share,
 - Retrenchments costs incurred of \$18 million or US 4 cents per share, following the implementation of the new Operating Model with the view of streamlining the organisation and making it more efficient, and
 - Accelerated bond settlement costs of \$24 million or US 6 cents per share as a result of the early redemption of the \$750m, 5.125% 2022 bonds, while replacing these bonds with the \$750m, 3.375% 2028 bonds, thereby extending debt maturities of the Company at lower interest rates as part of the continued strategy to optimise the capital structure.

These negative impacts were partly offset by:

- Lower amortisation due to lower production volumes;
- A decrease in net finance costs, including unwinding charges, of \$92 million or US 22 cents per share;
- Losses realised in 2020 on oil and gold derivatives of \$19 million or US 5 cents per share not recurring; and
- Lower taxes in most jurisdictions due to lower production levels, combined with the derecognition of the deferred taxes relating to the South African region in 2020 not recurring.

Operational Performance

AngloGold Ashanti experienced a challenging 2021. Production for the year ended 31 December 2021 is expected to be 2.472Moz, compared to 3.047Moz (which included 241koz from our previously owned South African operations) for the year ended 31 December 2020. This production is within the revised guidance issued on 6 August 2021.

Production for 2021 was lower than the prior year mainly due to the sale of the South African operations, the Company undertaking significant reinvestments across key assets, lower realised grades across certain operations, the temporary suspension of underground mining activities at Obuasi, as well as the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on production and costs.

COVID-19 impacts were excluded from the revised guidance issued on 6 August 2021. The impact on production from COVID-19 in 2021 was estimated at 47koz for 2021, mainly affecting our operations in Ghana, Brazil and Argentina.

The financial information on which this trading statement is based has not been reviewed and reported on by AngloGold Ashanti's external auditors.

Johannesburg
1 February 2022

JSE Sponsor: The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited

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Non-GAAP financial measures

This communication may contain certain "Non-GAAP" financial measures. AngloGold Ashanti utilises certain Non-GAAP performance measures and ratios in managing its business. Non-GAAP financial measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative for, the reported operating results or cash flow from operations or any other measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. In addition, the presentation of these measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures other companies may use.

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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.

Date: February 01, 2022

AngloGold Ashanti Limited

By: /s/ LM GOLIATH
Name: LM Goliath
Title: Company Secretary