

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 November 11, 2010

Commission File Number 1-14846

AngloGold Ashanti Limited

(Name of registrant)

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Newtown, 2001

(P.O. Box 62117, Marshalltown, 2107)

South Africa

(Address of principal executive offices)

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**News Release**

11 November 2010

**ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI PROFIT MORE THAN DOUBLES AS PRODUCTION TOPS GUIDANCE**

(JOHANNESBURG) – AngloGold Ashanti, the gold producer which eliminated the industry’s largest hedge position during October, more than doubled adjusted headline earnings\* to \$303m after production from its mines in South Africa and Australia increased and gold prices climbed to a record.

“Our operations are performing well and there’s a strong tailwind from the gold price,” Chief Executive Officer Mark Cutifani said. “With the hedge book out of the way we can now capture the full gold price, which has the potential to further boost margins and increase cash flow.”

Production was 1.162Moz at a total cash cost of \$643/oz in the three months to 30 September, compared with production the previous quarter of 1.13Moz at \$617/oz, and guidance of 1.15Moz at \$645/oz. This result was achieved despite winter power tariff increases and stronger than anticipated currencies in South Africa, Brazil and Argentina.

The South African operations delivered another outstanding performance with a 7% increase in production to 478,000oz, while total cash costs rose 6% to \$594/oz. Sunrise Dam in Australia posted a 7% growth in production to 93,000oz and the Geita mine in Tanzania increased output by 3% to 93,000oz, while reducing costs by 15% to \$705/oz.

Adjusted headline earnings\* were \$303 million or 82 US cents a share in the third quarter, from \$129 million, or 35 US cents a share the previous quarter.

AngloGold Ashanti is saddened and disappointed at the fatal injuries to four employees during the quarter – three in South Africa and one in Mali. The company, which has reduced its average fatality rate by 65% since 2007 and improved overall workplace safety by 45%, is continuing to implement the second phase of its safety improvement strategy to continue towards its goal of eliminating all safety incidents.

The company completed an accelerated buy-back of its outstanding hedge positions on 7 October at a cost of \$2.64bn and an average price of \$1,300/oz. The removal of the hedge book allows the company to sell its gold at market prices, allowing it to better fund the pipeline of organic growth projects which are expected to add about 1Moz to current production over the next five years, through total project capital expenditure of about \$2.5bn.

AngloGold Ashanti's board this week approved the development of the 3.3Moz Tropicana gold project in Australia, a joint venture with Independence Group which owns a 30% stake. The project (100%), expected to pour its first gold in 2013, will require capital expenditure of \$710m to \$760m and will have annual production of 470,000oz to 490,000oz in the first three years.

"Tropicana is the first of AngloGold Ashanti's major gold discoveries to move into production," Cutifani said. "It's gratifying to be developing our own projects at a time when so many majors are forced to pay huge premiums to fill their project pipelines."

Fourth-quarter production is anticipated to be 1.14Moz at a total cash cost of \$640/oz, assuming an exchange rate of R7.25 to the dollar and \$675/oz assuming an exchange rate of R6.75 to the dollar.

Following resumption of exploration at the La Colosa deposit in Colombia, initial drill intercepts have returned encouraging grades, including 74m@ 1.9g/t and 85m@3.3g/t in 'hornfels-style' mineralization in schist material adjacent to the porphyry deposit. The company will conduct further work to better understand the significance of the results.

*\*Excludes cost of accelerated hedge buy back*

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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 11, 2010

By:

/s/ L Eatwell

Name: L EATWELL

Title: Company Secretary