

ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI LTD

Form 6-K

July 23, 2012

**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 July 23, 2012

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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes

**No**  **X**

Enclosure: Press release **ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI GOLD PRODUCTION RISES 9% ;  
AHEAD OF GUIDANCE**

**AngloGold Ashanti Limited**

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa \ Reg. No. 1944/017354/06)

ISIN No. ZAE000043485 – JSE share code: ANG \ CUSIP: 035128206 – NYSE share code: AU

Website: www.anglogoldashanti.com

**News Release**

**AngloGold Ashanti gold production rises 9%; Ahead of guidance:**

AngloGold Ashanti is pleased to report strong second quarter gold production of 1.073Moz, which represents a 9% improvement on the first quarter, at an estimated total cash cost of \$800/oz - \$805/oz. The result is better than the company's market guidance for the quarter of 1.04Moz at a total cash cost of \$840/oz - \$845/oz, due largely to strong operating performances from the group's Continental Africa region and the Americas region. Production from the South African operations also improved over the period, and was 18% higher than the first quarter of 2012.

Adjusted headline earnings for the quarter are estimated at between \$240m to \$255m. When compared with the first quarter of 2012, exploration and other expenditures were higher, though in line with annual guidance provided in February of this year. In addition, this level of adjusted headline earnings reflects a lower average gold price received during the quarter when compared to the previous quarter, lower uranium and silver by-product credits, higher gold inventory levels that were sold only subsequent to the end of the quarter due to the timing of gold shipments and a non-recurring one-time deferred tax credit that was included in the first quarter.

AngloGold Ashanti will report its operating and reviewed financial results to the market on 6 August 2012.

Johannesburg

23 July 2012

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performance

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and under the “Investors” tab on the main page. This information is updated regularly. Investors should visit this website to obtain

important information about AngloGold Ashanti.

**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: July 23, 2012

By:

/s/ L Eatwell

Name: L EATWELL

Title: Company Secretary