

Group information

AngloGold Limited was founded in June 1998 through the consolidation of the gold mining interests of Anglo American. The company, AngloGold Ashanti as it is now, was formed on 26 April 2004 following the business combination between AngloGold and Ashanti Goldfields Company Limited. AngloGold Ashanti is currently the third largest gold producing mining company in the world.

CURRENT PROFILE

AngloGold Ashanti Limited, headquartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, is a global gold company with a portfolio of long-life, relatively low-cost assets and differing orebody types in key gold producing regions. The company's 21 operations are located in 10 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania and the United States of America), and are supported by extensive exploration activities. The combined Proved and Probable Ore Reserves of the group amounted to 74.9 million ounces as at 31 December 2008.

The primary listing of the company's ordinary shares is on the JSE Limited (JSE) in South Africa. Its ordinary shares are also listed on stock exchanges in London, Paris and Ghana, as well as being quoted in Brussels in the form of International Depositary Receipts (IDRs), in New York in the form of American Depositary Shares (ADSs), in Australia, in the form of Clearing House Electronic Subregister System Depositary Interests (CDIs) and in Ghana, in the form of Ghanaian Depositary Shares (GhDSs).

AngloGold Ashanti Limited (Registration number 1944/017354/06) was incorporated in the Republic of South Africa in 1944 under the name of Vaal Reefs Exploration and Mining Company Limited and operates under the South African Companies Act 61 of 1973, as amended.

HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS OF THE COMPANY

Below are highlights of key corporate activities from 1998:

1998

- Formation of AngloGold Limited through the consolidation of East Rand Gold and Uranium Company Limited; Eastvaal Gold Holdings Limited; Southvaal Holdings Limited; Free State Consolidated Gold Mines Limited; Elandsrand Gold Mining Company Limited; H.J. Joel Gold Mining Company Limited and Western Deep Levels Limited into a single, focused, independent, gold mining company. Vaal Reefs Exploration and Mining Company Limited (Vaal Reefs), the vehicle for the consolidation, changed its name to AngloGold Limited and increased its authorised share capital, effective 30 March 1998

1999

- Acquisition of minority shareholders interest in Driefontein Consolidated Limited (17%); Anmercosa Mining (West Africa) Limited (100%); Western Ultra Deep Levels Limited (89%); Eastern Gold Holdings Limited (52%); Erongo Mining and Exploration Company Limited (70%)
- Purchased Minorco's gold interests in North and South America
- Acquisition of Acacia Resources in Australia

2000

Acquired:

- a 40% interest in the Morila mine in Mali from Randgold Resources Limited
- a 50% interest in the Geita mine in Tanzania from Ashanti Goldfields Company Limited (Ashanti)
- a 25% interest in OroAfrica, South Africa's largest manufacturer of gold jewellery, and

2001

- AngloGold sold the Elandsrand and Deelkraal mines to Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited (Harmony); disposed of its interests in No. 2 Shaft Vaal River Operations to African Rainbow Minerals (ARM) and made an unsuccessful take-over bid for Normandy Mining Limited

2002

- Sold the Free State assets to ARM and Harmony
- Acquired an additional 46.25% of the equity, as well as the total loan assignment, of Cerro Vanguardia SA from Pérez Companc International SA, thereby increasing its interest in Cerro Vanguardia to 92.5%

2003

- Disposed of its wholly owned Amapari project to Mineração Pedra Branca do Amapari
- Sold its 49% stake in the Gawler Craton Joint Venture, including the Tunkillia project located in South Australia to Helix Resources Limited
- Sold its interest in the Jerritt Canyon Joint Venture to Queenstake Resources USA Inc
- Disposed of its entire investments in East African Gold Mines Limited and in Randgold Resources Limited
- Purchased a portion of the Driefontein mining area in South Africa from Gold Fields Limited

2004

- Sold its Western Tanami project to Tanami Gold NL in Australia
- Concluded the business combination with Ashanti Goldfields Company Limited, on which the company changed its name to AngloGold Ashanti Limited
- Acquired the remaining 50% interest in Geita as a result of the business combination
- AngloGold Holdings plc, a subsidiary of AngloGold, completed an offering of \$1 billion principal amount 2,375% convertible bonds, due 2009, and guaranteed by AngloGold Ashanti
- Acquired a 29.8% stake in Trans-Siberian Gold plc
- Sold its Union Reefs assets to the Burnside Joint Venture, comprising subsidiaries of Northern Gold NL (50%) and Harmony (50%)
- Sold its entire interest in Ashanti Goldfields Zimbabwe Limited to Mwana Africa Holdings (Proprietary) Limited
- Sold its 40% equity interest in Tameng Mining and Exploration (Pty) Limited of South Africa (Tameng) to Mahube Mining (Pty) Limited
- Subscribed for a 12.3% stake in the expanded issued capital of Philippines explorer Red 5 Limited



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2005

- Substantially restructured its hedge book in January 2005
- Signed a three-year \$700 million revolving credit facility
- Disposed of exploration assets in the Laverton area in Australia
- Disposed of its La Rescatada project to ARUNANI SAC, a local Peruvian corporation
- Acquired an effective 8.7% stake in China explorer, Dynasty Gold Corporation
- The Director-General of Minerals and Energy notified AngloGold Ashanti in August 2005 that its application for the new order mining rights in terms of the South African Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act had been granted

2006

- Raised \$500 million in an equity offering
- Acquired two exploration companies, Amikan and AS APK, from TSG as part of the company's initial contribution towards its strategic alliance with Polymetal
- Formed a new company with B2Gold (formerly Bema Gold) to jointly explore a select group of mineral opportunities located in northern Colombia, South America
- AngloGold Ashanti (U.S.A.) Exploration Inc, International Tower Hill Mines Ltd (ITH) and Talon Gold Alaska, Inc. (Talon), a wholly owned subsidiary of ITH, entered into an Asset Purchase and Sale and Indemnity Agreement whereby AngloGold Ashanti sold to Talon a 100% interest in six Alaskan mineral exploration properties and associated databases in return for an approximate 20% interest in ITH. AngloGold Ashanti has the option to increase or dilute its stake in these projects, subject to certain conditions
- Disposed of its entire business undertaking related to the Bibiani mine and Bibiani North prospecting permit to Central African Gold plc
- Entered into a 50:50 strategic alliance with Russian gold and silver producer, OAO Inter-Regional Research and Production Association Polymetal (Polymetal), in terms of which Polymetal and AngloGold Ashanti would co-operate in exploration and the acquisition and development of gold mining opportunities within the Russian Federation



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- Implemented an empowerment transaction with two components: the development of an employee share ownership plan (ESOP) and the acquisition by Izingwe Holdings (Proprietary) Limited (an empowerment company) of an equity interest in AngloGold Ashanti

2007

- Acquired the minority interests previously held by the Government of Ghana (5%) and the International Finance Corporation (10%) in the Iduapriem and Teberebie mines
- Anglo American plc sold 69.1 million ordinary shares of AngloGold Ashanti, thereby reducing Anglo American's shareholding in AngloGold Ashanti from 41.8% to 16.6%
- Announced the successful closing of a \$1.15 billion syndicated revolving credit facility

2008

- Issued 69,470,442 ordinary shares in a fully subscribed rights offer
- Acquired Golden Cycle Gold Corporation through the issue of 3,181,198 ordinary shares, resulting in Cripple Creek & Victor becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary
- Sold entire holding in Nufcor International Limited and cancelled 1 million pounds of outstanding uranium contracts
- Acquired São Bento Gold Company Limited through the issue of 2,701,660 ordinary shares with the ultimate result of doubling production from the Córrego do Sítio project
- Entered into a \$1 billion term facility agreement to be used to redeem the \$1 billion convertible bonds due February 2009

For full details of major corporate developments that occurred during 2008 and subsequent to year-end, refer to 'Significant announcements during the year under review and subsequent to year-end' in the Directors' report on page 186.



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