

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 April 14, 2011

Commission File Number 1-14846

AngloGold Ashanti Limited

(Name of registrant)

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

South Africa

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(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

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**News Release**

14 April 2011

**ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI PROPOSES RESTRUCTURING OF BEE TRANSACTION AND GIVES NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING**

AngloGold Ashanti is proposing to restructure its Black Economic Empowerment (“BEE”) share ownership transaction first announced in 2006, to ensure the intended benefits will accrue to its recipients, namely its South African employees, through the Bokamoso ESOP trust and BEE Partner, Izingwe Holdings (Proprietary) Limited (“Izingwe”) (an investment company controlled by black investors) (“proposed restructuring”). The total incremental accounting cost to AngloGold Ashanti of the proposed restructuring which is subject to shareholders’ approval, is around R120.5 million (approximately \$17.8 million), while the pro-forma impact on adjusted headline earnings\* and net asset value per share is 0.4% and 0.2% respectively.

“We’ve taken a proactive stance, in partnership with Izingwe and our employees, to ensure this economic empowerment initiative has the intended benefit,” AngloGold Ashanti Chief Executive Officer Mark Cutifani said. “We believe this has been achieved at a very reasonable cost to shareholders, while delivering clear upside for AngloGold Ashanti, its employees and South Africa as a whole.”

Further details on the financial effects of the proposed restructuring and its rationale are included below and in the circular which has been posted separately.

**TERMS OF THE PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING**

The principal component of the restructured transaction is the proposed reinstatement over the next three years of a total of some 1.37 million E Ordinary shares (“E shares”)\*\*, that have either lapsed or are expected to lapse without realising the anticipated value for their holders. This is largely due to the market and economic circumstances (including the performance of the company’s share price in rand terms) which have prevailed since the launch of the BEE transaction in 2006. Also, an additional 48,923 new ordinary shares will be allotted to employees who qualify for the scheme as of the original cut-off date.

The E shares issued to the Bokamoso ESOP trust and Izingwe are effectively share appreciation rights which, upon vesting in the intended recipients, will be net settled with equity. The proposed restructuring entails a resetting of the strike price of the E shares at R320 for the Bokamoso ESOP and R330 for Izingwe, as well as providing on vesting for both a minimum payout (“floor”) of R40 per E share and a maximum payout per E share of R70 for Izingwe and R90 for members of the Bokamoso ESOP. While the floor price provides certainty to all beneficiaries of the BEE transaction, the creation of a ceiling serves to limit the cost to AngloGold Ashanti and its shareholders.

\* *Headline earnings adjusted for the effect of unrealised non-hedge derivatives, fair value adjustment on convertible bonds and interest rate swaps per share.*

\*\* *E Shares are E Ordinary shares having a par value of R0.25 each in the share capital of AngloGold Ashanti created to facilitate the BEE transaction.*

## **RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING**

AngloGold Ashanti has committed itself to participating in the transformation and development of South Africa for the future benefit of all South Africans. While the failure of Izingwe and the members of the Bokamoso ESOP trust to realise the intended value of the BEE transaction could be viewed as a normal risk of share ownership, it should be borne in mind that this transaction provides an ongoing opportunity for AngloGold Ashanti and various trade unions to ensure closer alignment of their interests. The BEE transaction was also designed to enable AngloGold Ashanti to further play its part in ameliorating SA's historical legacy by enhancing entrepreneurship. This is in addition to the separate BEE transactions that AngloGold Ashanti concluded with African Rainbow Minerals in 1998 and 2001.

The Board believes that proactively implementing the proposed restructuring will be recognised by government, AngloGold Ashanti's employees, Izingwe and society as a whole, as reinforcing the company's continued commitment to the spirit of transformation and empowerment as contained in the Mining Charter. Management believes that the amendment of this transaction has the potential to enhance labour relations within AngloGold Ashanti's South African operations, and, more broadly, reinforce AngloGold Ashanti's reputation as a good corporate citizen in South Africa.

## **UNAUDITED *PRO FORMA* FINANCIAL INFORMATION RELATING TO ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI**

The unaudited *pro forma* financial information of AngloGold Ashanti was prepared in order to show the effects of the proposed restructuring, assuming that the proposed restructuring took place to its full extent on 1 January 2010 for purposes of the income statement for the twelve month period ended and as at 31 December 2010 for purposes of the statement of financial position. The unaudited *pro forma* financial effects have been prepared using accounting policies that are consistent with IFRS and with the basis in terms of the accounting policies adopted by AngloGold Ashanti.

The information has been prepared for illustrative purposes only and may not, because of its nature, fairly present the issuer's financial position, changes in equity, results of operations or cash flows. It does not purport to be indicative of what the results or financial results would have been if the proposed restructuring had actually occurred at an earlier date.

The directors are responsible for the compilation, contents and presentation of the unaudited *pro forma* financial effects and for the financial information from which it has been prepared. Their responsibility includes determining that:

- the unaudited *pro forma* financial effects have been properly compiled on the basis stated;
- the basis is consistent with the accounting policies adopted by AngloGold Ashanti; and
- the *pro forma* adjustments are appropriate for the purposes of the unaudited *pro forma* financial information disclosed in terms of the Listings Requirements.

**Unaudited *pro forma* per share information of AngloGold Ashanti**

US\$ (cents)

**Before the**

**proposed  
restructuring**

**After the**

**proposed  
restructuring**

**Movement**

Net asset value per share

1

1,071

1,069

(0.2)%

Net tangible asset value per share

1

1,021

1,018

(0.3)%

Basic earnings per share

2

20

17

(15.0)%

Diluted earnings per share

3

20

17

(15.0)%

Headline earnings per share

4

33

30

(9.1)%

Headline earnings adjusted for the effect  
of unrealised non-hedge derivatives, fair  
value adjustment on convertible bonds and  
interest rate swap per share

5

(473)

(475)

(0.4)%

Weighted average number of shares in issue

6

371,870,821

372,730,378

0.2%

Weighted average diluted number of shares in  
issue

7

373,440,427

374,299,984

0.2%

Number of shares in issue

8

384,010,206

384,869,763

0.2%

Net debt to net capital employed

9

31%

31%

In these *pro formas*, shares refers to AngloGold Ashanti ordinary shares.

**Notes:**

- 1. Net asset value per share is computed by dividing total equity of \$4,113 million by the number of shares in issue, being 384,010,206 before the proposed restructuring and 384,869,763 after the proposed restructuring. Net tangible asset value per share is computed by dividing total equity (excluding intangible assets) of \$3,919 million by the number of shares in issue, being 384,010,206 before the proposed restructuring and 384,869,763 after the proposed restructuring.*
- 2. Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net earnings by the weighted average number of shares in issue.*
- 3. The diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net earnings by the weighted average diluted number of shares in issue.*
- 4. Headline earnings removes items of a capital nature from the calculation of earnings per share. Headline earnings per share is computed by dividing headline earnings by the weighted average number of shares in issue.*
- 5. Headline earnings adjusted for the effect of unrealised non-hedge derivatives, fair value adjustment on convertible bonds and interest rate swaps divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue.*
- 6. The weighted average number of shares in issue was 371,870,821 for the period ended 31 December 2010 and as a result of the issuance of 859,557 shares, the weighted average number of shares in issue for that period would have been 372,730,378.*
- 7. The weighted average diluted number of shares in issue was 373,440,427 for the period ended 31 December 2010 and as a result of the issuance of 859,557 shares, the weighted average diluted number of shares in issue for that period would have been 374,299,984. The weighted average diluted number of shares in issue for the period ended 31 December does not assume the effect of 33,524,625 shares issuable upon the conversion of the convertible bonds, as their effects are anti-dilutive.*
- 8. The number of shares in issue as at 31 December 2010 was 384,010,206 and, as a result of the issue, the number of shares in issue as at that date would have been 384,869,763. This assumes that all E shares will convert into ordinary shares.*
- 9. Net debt includes both long-term and short-term debt and is net of cash. Net capital employed is calculated as shareholders' equity adjusted for other comprehensive income and deferred taxation, plus minority interests,*

*interest*

*bearing debt, less cash.*

**CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING.**

Implementation of the proposed restructuring is subject to the following conditions being fulfilled:

- the passing of all necessary resolutions by the requisite majority of shareholders at the general meeting; and
- registration (insofar as required) of the special resolution with the CIPRO/Companies Office;

## **SALIENT DATES AND TIMES**

### **2011**

Last day to lodge forms of proxy for the general meeting by 12:00

(1)

on

Monday, 9 May

General meeting to be held at 12:00

(2)

on

Wednesday, 11 May

Results of general meeting

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released on SENS on

Wednesday, 11 May

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published in the South African press on

Thursday, 12 May

Special resolutions registered with the CIPRO/ Companies Office on or

about

Friday, 20 May

*(1) The above dates and times are subject to change. Any material changes will be released on SENS and published in the*

*press.*

*(2) All times referred to in this announcement are local times in South Africa.*

## **INDEPENDENT FAIRNESS OPINION**

A fairness opinion is required to be obtained from an independent expert because the proposed restructuring, includes the issue of further unlisted voting securities for which a special dispensation was granted by the JSE Limited, in respect of the original BEE transaction, to waive the restrictions outlined in paragraph 4.24 of its Listings Requirements. In addition a fairness opinion is required as convertible securities are being issued to Izingwe, of which Mr Siphon Pityana, a non-executive director of AngloGold Ashanti and Chairman of Izingwe holds indirectly through a family trust, 44% of Izingwe and is therefore regarded as a related party to AngloGold Ashanti in terms of the Listings Requirements. The Board has appointed The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited, acting through its Mergers and Acquisitions Division (“Standard Bank”), as the independent expert to advise on the fairness of the financial terms and conditions of the proposed restructuring.

Having considered the financial terms and conditions of the proposed restructuring, Standard Bank is of the opinion that the financial terms and conditions of the proposed restructuring are fair, both in relation to the further issue of unlisted voting securities and in light of the fact that the issue includes an issue of shares to a related party.

## **CIRCULAR TO SHAREHOLDERS**

A circular convening a general meeting to be held on Wednesday, 11 May at 12:00 South African time (or as soon as the annual general meeting to be held on the same day is concluded), at the Auditorium, 76 Jeppe Street, Newtown, Johannesburg, South Africa, at which, shareholders will be asked to approve various resolutions to give effect to the amendment to the transaction was posted to shareholders today, Thursday, 14 April 2011.

An electronic copy of the circular is available from the company’s website at

[www.anglogoldashanti.com](http://www.anglogoldashanti.com)

and printed copies are available, on request, from The Company

Secretary, AngloGold Ashanti Limited, P O Box 62117, Marshalltown, 2107, Fax +27 11 637 6677 or

from the contacts listed below.

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Rand Merchant Bank (A division of FirstRand Bank Limited)

**Corporate law advisers**

Tabacks and Associates (Pty) Limited

**Independent expert**

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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: April 14, 2011

By:

/s/ L Eatwell

Name: L EATWELL

Title: Company Secretary