

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 June 09, 2015

Commission File Number 1-14846

AngloGold Ashanti Limited

(Name of registrant)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes

**No**

Enclosure:

**AngloGold Ashanti Sells CC&V**

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")

**8 June 2015**

**NEWS RELEASE**

**AngloGold Ashanti Sells CC&V for \$820m Plus Royalty to Cut Debt**

(JOHANNESBURG – PRESS RELEASE) – AngloGold Ashanti Limited has agreed to sell its Cripple Creek & Victor mine in the United States to Newmont Mining Corporation for US\$820 million in cash, plus a net smelter return royalty (collectively, the "Transaction"), as part of its strategy to cut debt.

The US\$820 million in cash proceeds from the sale of Cripple Creek & Victor ("CC&V") will immediately strengthen the Company's balance sheet and allow it to implement a deleveraging strategy to lower financing costs. AngloGold Ashanti will also no longer have to fund the remaining capital of approximately US\$200 million required to complete the CC&V Mine-Life Extension 2 project, further improving its free cash flow position.

"After a competitive bidding process, we're pleased to have arrived at a transaction that recognizes the value of this asset," Srinivasan Venkatakrishnan (Venkat), CEO of AngloGold Ashanti, said. "This deal significantly de-risks the balance sheet without diluting our shareholders, and places us in a much stronger position – it puts 820 million US dollars into our bank account, saves 200 million US dollars in capital expenditure, and gives us continued exposure to the asset through an uncapped royalty on future underground production."

Over the past 24 months AngloGold Ashanti has pursued measures to simplify its portfolio, improve cash flow and reduce debt from internal sources in order to enhance financial flexibility. All-in sustaining costs were 18% lower on average last year than in 2012, reflecting discipline in operating expenditures, corporate overheads, exploration and capital investment. The quality of AngloGold Ashanti's diversified asset base, which has good exposure to lower oil prices and weaker local currencies, has also continued to improve, with the new, low-cost Kibali joint venture in the Democratic Republic of Congo ramping up to full production, and the Tropicana operation in Australia now at planned output levels.

“Our focus continues to be on creating a long-term, high-margin gold portfolio,” Venkat said. “Our two new operations are going from strength to strength, our core cash-generating mines continue to perform well and we’re getting a strong tailwind from lower oil prices and weaker currencies – all while keeping our long-term options intact.”

The Transaction consideration consists of two components:

(1)  
US\$820 million (R10.25 billion, calculated at an exchange rate of R12.50 per dollar) payable in cash upon the fulfilment of all conditions precedent to the Transaction (“Completion”); and

(2)  
The net smelter royalty (“NSR”) which is payable on all ounces of gold to be recovered over the remaining life of CC&V through future underground mining operations or from ongoing surface mining operations that extract ore bodies that are currently intended to be mined via the proposed underground mining operations (“NSR Ore”). The NSR is payable quarterly in arrears at the rate of 2.5% of the net revenue, after refining and smelting costs, based upon the product of the average spot gold price and gold ounces produced from NSR Ore in the relevant quarter.

At Completion, AngloGold Ashanti will be reimbursed for any cash contributions made to CC&V after 30 June 2015. Completion is subject to a number of conditions precedent, including:

(1)  
The waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvement Act of the United States, if applicable to the Transaction, shall have expired or have terminated;

(2)  
The approval of the South African Reserve Bank; and

(3)  
The receipt, to the extent required to implement the Transaction, of any other Government Entity approvals in the United States.

Completion will occur on the first business day of the calendar month following the satisfaction of the conditions precedent. It is anticipated that the conditions precedent will be satisfied and Completion will occur by the beginning of August 2015.

The Transaction Consideration, including the Company’s valuation of the NSR, has been categorised as a Category 2 transaction in terms of the Listings Requirements of the JSE Limited.

***About CC&V***

CC&V is located in central Colorado in the United States, approximately 160km south-west of the city of Denver. The CC&V district is known for its historic underground mining activities which produced nearly 20

million ounces of gold prior to the cessation of underground mining at the onset of World War 2. In its current form, CC&V commenced operations in 1995. In 1999, AngloGold Ashanti acquired a majority interest in CC&V which was increased to full ownership in 2008. The mine comprises surface mining from various open pits, ore processing via valley leach facilities (“VLF”). VLF1 is currently the principal processing facility whilst as part of the Mine Life Extension 2 project (“MLE2”), which was approved in 2012 and will extend surface mining operations, VLF2 is being constructed. Recently at end 2014, a processing plant was completed that will allow for the processing of higher grade ore both from current surface mining operations and also proposed underground mining operations. This processing plant is in ramp up phase.

For the year ended 31 December 2014, CC&V produced 211,000 ounces of gold, resulting in a gold income of US\$266 million, at a total cash cost of US\$829 per ounce and all-in sustaining cost of US\$1,147 per ounce, resulting in an adjusted gross profit of US\$48 million. Capital expenditure incurred in 2014 was US\$169 million including US\$145 million in respect of MLE2. Net assets as at 31 March 2015 were US\$772 million. As at 31 December 2014, CC&V had Ore Reserves of 3.96 million ounces of gold at an average grade of 0.74g/t.

***About AngloGold Ashanti***

AngloGold Ashanti is a global gold mining company with a geographically diverse, world-class portfolio of operations and projects. Headquartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, AngloGold Ashanti is the third largest gold mining company in the world, measured by production.

AngloGold Ashanti produced 4.4 million ounces of gold in 2014, generating US\$5.2 billion in gold income, utilising US\$1.2 billion in capital expenditure. All-in sustaining costs, which capture direct operating costs and sustaining capital, as well as corporate overheads and exploration, fell 13% to US\$1,026 per ounce in 2014 compared with US\$1,174 per ounce in 2013. All-in costs, which also include capital expenditure on projects, fell 22% over the same period, to US\$1,148 per ounce from US\$1,466 per ounce the previous year. These production, capital expenditure and operating costs cost figures include CC&V. As at 31 December 2014 (before the Transaction) AngloGold Ashanti had an attributable Ore Reserve of 57.5 million ounces of gold and an attributable Mineral Resource of 232.0 million ounces of gold. As at 31 March 2015 AGA had gross debt of US\$3,670m and for the year ended 31 December 2014 incurred interest costs of US\$278 million.

**ENDS**

**Johannesburg**

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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: June 09, 2015

By:

/s/ M E SANZ PEREZ \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: Group General Counsel and Company

Secretary