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Update on West Wits Power Outage

(ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI) – AngloGold Ashanti’s two main operational sites in the West Wits region in South Africa – Mponeng and Tau Tona – had all main power interrupted between Wednesday, March 13 and Friday, March 15, after a fire caused by lightning damaged a transformer at a main regional substation belonging to power utility Eskom. While emergency procedures allowed safe and prompt evacuation of all underground work areas, continued disruption of power to the mines due to the unplanned interruption of the main Eskom electricity supply halted all but essential water pumping services on those two operations. There was not sufficient power to run ventilation and cooling plants, hoisting infrastructure or metallurgical plants and other associated production activities.

Eskom has partially restored power until the transformer is repaired. Tau Tona resumed underground mining activities on Friday March 15. Mponeng resumed most of its operations today, apart from certain project and hoisting activities in order to enable us to operate within current electricity supply constraints. Eskom has advised that the work to repair the damage is receiving urgent attention to restore permanent supply at the regional substation.

While all efforts will be made to recover output once power is fully restored, production for the first quarter will be affected. The total adverse impact from this incident on first quarter 2013 gold production is likely to be in the region of 20,000 ounces, with consequential impact on unit costs. Details of the lost output will be made available after the quarter-end.

The company’s Vaal River operations have not been affected.

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