

CONFLICT-FREE GOLD REPORT

AngloGold Ashanti acknowledges that our licence to operate means that we need to demonstrate that we have extracted gold in a manner that does not fuel conflict. We take this responsibility seriously and as such adopted the World Gold Council's *Conflict-Free Gold Standard* (the Standard) and first reported on our conformance to the Standard in our 2013 report.

Although AngloGold Ashanti resigned from the World Gold Council during 2014, we have resolved to continue conforming to the Standard, except that we may not always seek independent assurance of this Conflict-Free Gold Report. However, our annual Sustainable Development Report, which includes aspects also covered here, is subject to independent, external assurance and this report has been reviewed by our assurance provider, Ernst & Young. We also commit to having this report subjected to the rigorous scrutiny of our Group Internal Audit department.

The Conflict-Free Gold Report summarises how we conform to the requirements of the Standard for the year-ended 31 December 2015. The Executive Committee is responsible for implementation and it reports to the Chief Executive Officer, who has ultimate responsibility for the company's compliance.

Reporting boundary

The reporting boundary of this Report includes all mining and processing operations over which AngloGold Ashanti has direct control. This is consistent with the non-financial reporting boundaries that we apply in our annual Sustainable Development Report and annual Integrated Report.

The Standard's requirements

The Standard comprises Parts A – E:

- Part A – Conflict Assessment
- Part B – Company Assessment
- Part C – Commodity Assessment
- Part D – External Sources of Gold Assessment, and
- Part E – Management Statement of Conformance.

Part A of the Standard requires companies to assess whether they are adhering to international sanctions and to undertake a risk assessment based upon the recognition of conflict. Applying the Standard's criteria, operations that are in an area ranked as 5 (war) or 4 (limited war) in the 2013, 2014 or 2015 editions of the *Conflict Barometer* published by the Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research are classified as 'conflict-affected or high-risk'. Such operations must complete all remaining assessments in Parts B – E of the Standard. For operations not considered in a 'conflict-affected or high-risk' area and where the company does not transport gold while in its custody, the remaining assessments are of Parts D and E.

AngloGold Ashanti's evaluation

Following our Part A – Conflict Assessment, we concluded that we did not breach any international sanctions and that none of our mines are located in 'conflict-affected or high-risk' areas. Parts of Brazil are ranked 4 in the 2013 Conflict Barometer, but these are in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, far from our operations.

Parts B and C assessments were undertaken in 2013 for Sadiola and Yatela mines, in south-western Mali, because they were then considered to be in 'conflict-affected or high-risk' areas. We concluded from these assessments that we were in conformance with all the criteria of the Standard, except for the following deviations from conformance:

- Inadequate human rights due diligence processes;
- Poor supply chain management procedures;
- Access control and minor procedural non-conformances in the Sadiola smelthouse.

The latter two deviations were closed out in 2014. Progress in 2015 in closing out the remaining deviation was as follows: A revised human rights due diligence process for the company was developed in 2015 and it is anticipated that a due diligence assessment will be conducted at Sadiola and Yatela in 2016.

No other Deviations from Conformance with the Standard arose during the reporting period.

We also complied with Part D – Externally Sourced Gold Assessment as we do not source gold from third parties, and implemented the appropriate Management Statement of



Conformance documentation to accompany gold being dispatched at operations as required in Part E.

A summary of our methodology for preparing the Conflict-Free Gold Report in accordance with the Standard is set out in our 2013 Sustainability Report under Responsible gold initiatives. The Standard includes several areas where evidence of public disclosure is required. The following information can be viewed on our website:

- Public commitment to human rights;
- Disclosure of payments to governments and government entities;
- Processes in place by which local stakeholders can raise concerns.

In conclusion, AngloGold Ashanti was in conformance with the criteria set out in the *Conflict-Free Gold Standard* for the reporting year ended 31 December 2015, except for the requirement for independent assurance. Feedback or queries on any aspect of this report may be submitted through contacts and administration.