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("AngloGold Ashanti" or the "Company")

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## NEWS RELEASE

### ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

AngloGold Ashanti will release results for the year ended 31 December 2019 ("the period") on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange News Service on 21 February 2020.

**With reference to the Listings Requirements of the JSE Limited, issuers are required to publish a trading statement as soon as they become reasonably certain that the financial results for the period to be reported on next, will differ by at least 20% from those of the previous corresponding reporting period.**

#### **Expected headline earnings and basic loss**

Shareholders are advised that the Company has reasonable certainty that the headline earnings for the period are expected to be between \$357 million and \$401 million, with headline earnings per share ("HEPS") of between 86 cents and 96 cents. Headline earnings and HEPS for the comparative period were \$220 million and 53 cents, respectively.

The total basic loss (from continuing and discontinued operations) for the period is expected to be between \$26 million and \$0 million, resulting in a total basic loss per share of between 6 cents and 0 cents. Basic earnings and basic earnings per share for the comparative period were \$133 million and 32 cents, respectively.

The total basic loss (from continuing and discontinued operations) for the period was negatively impacted by a non-cash impairment charge of \$385 million (post-tax) or 92 cents per share related to the sale of the South African operations as described below.

#### **South African asset sale and impact of IFRS 5**

On 12 February 2020, the Company announced an agreement to sell its remaining South African producing assets and related liabilities to Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited. Consideration for the transaction is in cash and deferred payments with expected proceeds of around \$300 million, subject to subsequent performance, and with additional proceeds if the West Wits assets are developed below current infrastructure.

In terms of International Financial Reporting Standards, IFRS 5 *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*, the Company has determined that the sale of its remaining South African producing assets and related liabilities are required to be treated as non-current assets held for sale and disclosed as discontinued operations. This accounting treatment will result in the separation of the earnings disclosures between continuing operations and discontinued operations in the current period results. The earnings disclosures for all comparative periods presented will also be separated between continuing operations and discontinued operations to align with the current year disclosures as required by IFRS 5.

The effect of the application of IFRS 5 on the current and comparative period earnings will be explained in the Company's results announcement on 21 February 2020, which shareholders should consider in order to gain a full appreciation of the Company's financial performance.

The classification of the remaining South African producing assets and related liabilities to held for sale resulted in a non-cash impairment charge of \$385m (post-tax) or 92 cents per share accounted for in order to reflect these assets and liabilities at the lower of carrying value and fair value less costs to sell, therefore negatively impacting the total basic loss for the current period.

### **Headline earnings**

The expected overall increase in headline earnings for the period compared to the comparative period was primarily due to the following reasons:

- The higher gold price received on gold sold during the period, coupled with weaker local currencies assisted the improved financial performance of the Company and more than negated the lower gold output, higher operating costs mainly due to inflation and lower grades, and the payment of higher royalties and taxes.
- Income from Kibali and other equity investments increased by \$46 million (post-tax) or 11 cents per share.

### **Total basic loss (from continuing and discontinued operations)**

In addition to the effects on headline earnings, total basic loss (from continuing and discontinued operations) was negatively impacted by the non-cash impairment charge of the South African asset sale as described above.

This was partially off-set by the non-recurrence of significant once-off items affecting basic earnings for the prior period as follows:

- A non-cash impairment of the Uranium plant relating to Mine Waste Solutions of \$66 million (post-tax) or 16 cents per share.
- Retrenchment costs related to the restructured South African operations of \$25 million (post-tax) or 6 cents per share.

The current period headline earnings and total basic loss (from continuing and discontinued operations) were also negatively impacted by the recognition of an increase in the non-cash environmental rehabilitation obligation of \$15m (post-tax) or 4 cents per share as a result of the changes in environmental legislation in Brazil relating to tailings storage facilities.

The forecast financial information on which this trading statement is based has not been reviewed or reported on by AngloGold Ashanti's external auditors.

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