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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 January 31, 2013

Commission File Number 1-14846

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Enclosure: Press release **Tropicana Gold Project Progress Update**

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**News Release**

31 January 2013

**Tropicana Gold Project Progress Update**

The Tropicana Gold Project (AngloGold Ashanti Ltd 70% and manager, Independence Group NL 30%) remains on schedule to begin production in the December 2013 quarter.

Located 330 kilometres east-northeast of Kalgoorlie in Western Australia, the project was approved in November 2010.

Since that time Tropicana's Mineral Resource (100% project) has grown by 2.8 million ounces, and the potential for extensions to the known ore zones and the discovery of additional ore within trucking distance of the processing plant remains high.

The Mineral Resource (100% project), as at 30 December 2012, has grown to 118 million tonnes grading 2.08 grams per tonne containing 7.89 Moz of gold\*. This growth primarily reflects additional drilling carried out as part of the Havana Deeps Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS), targeting the down plunge and along-strike extents of the Havana ore body outside the current Havana Pit.

Gold production in the first three years of operation remains in the range of 470,000-490,000 ozpa (100% project) at slightly increased cash costs of between A\$590/oz-A\$630/oz\*\*, compared to a forecast of A\$580/oz-A\$600/oz at approval. The increase is largely due to higher fuel prices, which were also impacted by the reduction in fuel rebates associated with the introduction of the carbon tax.

At approval, Tropicana had a life of 10 years and exploration success has extended this to more than 11 years.

Life of mine (LOM) production has increased slightly to 3.6 Moz from 3.45 Moz at approval, while LOM cash costs remain in the original range of A\$710/oz-A\$730/oz. It is likely LOM production will increase as more of the Mineral Resource is converted into Ore Reserves.

Ore Reserves have increased by 0.5 Moz (an increase of 15%) since approval to 56.4 Mt at 2.16 g/t for 3.91 Moz. Updated Ore Reserves will be released on completion of the Havana Deeps PFS which is examining the economic trade-off between open pit and underground mining of the Havana Deeps Mineral Resource. The PFS will be completed during 2013.

*\*See ASX announcement on 4 December 2012 for full details of the Mineral Resource. AngloGold Ashanti's website at*

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

*has full details of the Mineral Resources and the Ore Reserve.*

*\*\* Based on an average AUD:USD exchange rate for the period of 0.9537 and an average oil*

*price of US\$113.3/bbl*

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Engineering design and procurement activities are now complete and all major equipment items have been delivered to the site. At the end of the December 2012 quarter construction was 55.6% complete.

With the award during the quarter of the major Structural, Mechanical & Piping (SMP) and Electrical & Instrumentation (E&I) contracts, the Joint Venture partners can now provide an update on the project capital costs.

On a 100% project basis, the estimated capital expenditure has increased to between A\$820-A\$845 million\*. This represents an 11% increase on the mid-point of the capex range forecast at the time the project was approved in November 2010. At that time capital expenditure (nominal) was forecast to be between A\$725-\$775 million.

AngloGold Ashanti CEO Mark Cutifani attributed the higher forecast to significant increases in construction labour costs and decreased productivity, which had resulted in higher on-site labour requirements. However, in the context of AGA this increase is in line with additional contingencies held at the Board level, with the new estimates consistent with the top end cost range flagged at the time of approval.

“The West Australian construction market is overheated and this, along with extreme skills shortages, has impacted labour productivity and subsequently costs,” he said.

“Even in this environment the team has done very well to contain project costs through tight scope and schedule control, in contrast to many other resources projects currently in construction.

“Progress to date has confirmed our confidence in the strength of Tropicana and exploration continues to deliver the upside we believed was present at approval.

“Pre-commissioning will begin in the third quarter leading to the commencement of production and production ramp-up in the fourth quarter.”

The first phase of mining fleet mobilisation is complete and contractor Macmahon Holdings commenced mining ahead of schedule, with more than 3.3 million bank cubic metres mined by the end of 2012. The next phase of mobilisation is scheduled to begin in February 2013.

During the December quarter near mine exploration returned encouraging results at Boston Shaker and Springbok. Better results included 5 metres at 5.2 g/t from 108 m and 7m at 3.6 g/t from 413 m at Springbok and 9m at 5.4 g/t from 439m at Boston Shaker (*see drill hole detail in Appendix 1*).

The down dip extensions of Boston Shaker and Tropicana, along with other nearby targets, will be tested during 2013. Regional exploration will continue to assess the prospectivity of the Joint Venture’s large tenement holding in the Tropicana Belt, and numerous targets have been identified for follow up drill-testing during the coming year.

An exploration budget of A\$20 million has been approved by the JV partners for near-mine and regional exploration in 2013.

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*\*Based on an average AUD:USD exchange rate of 0.98 and an average oil price of US\$113/bbl*

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**JORC / JSE Compliance:**

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Mark Kent, a full-time employee of AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd, who is a member of the AusIMM. Mark Kent has sufficient experience relative to the type and style of mineral deposit under consideration, and to the activity which has been undertaken, to qualify as a Competent Person (or Recognised Mining Professional) as defined in the 2004 Edition of the JORC Code. Mark Kent consents to the release of this resource based on the information in the form and context in which it appears.

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**Appendix 1: Drill hole details Boston Shaker & Springbok**

**Collar Details**

**Significant Intersection**

**Prospect**

**Hole No.**

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SKRC019      6765505  
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**3.6**    Springbok  
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*4.0*  
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SKRC020      6765448  
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1.2    Springbok  
*including*



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SKRC021 6765400

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1.3 Springbok

SKRC022 6765302

652681

339.7

270.0

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3.3 Springbok

SKRC026 6765099

652604

342.2

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1.5 Springbok

SKRC040 6765800

652649

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**5.2** Springbok

SKRC043 6765386

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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: January 31, 2013

By:

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