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Form 6-K  
April 26, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUE  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of April 2004

ASHANTI GOLDFIELDS COMPANY LIMITED

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

Gold House, Patrice Lumumba Road  
Roman Ridge, P.O. Box 2665  
Accra, Ghana

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file  
annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the  
information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to  
the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934.)

Yes \_\_\_

No  X  
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(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the  
registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-\_\_\_\_\_.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

26 April 2004

ASHANTI AND ANGLOGOLD MERGER  
BECOMES EFFECTIVE

Ashanti Goldfields Company Limited ("Ashanti") is pleased to announce that at  
the court hearing held on 23 April 2004, the High Court of Ghana confirmed the  
scheme of arrangement required to implement the merger with AngloGold Limited.

A copy of the court order confirming the scheme has been delivered to the

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Ghanaian Registrar of Companies today and the merger has now become effective. Dealings in the new AngloGold Ashanti securities are expected to commence tomorrow, 27 April 2004.

Sam Jonah, Chief Executive Officer of Ashanti, who will be President of AngloGold Ashanti following the merger, said "Today is a momentous day for gold mining in Africa and opens a new chapter in the history of Ashanti. It is interesting that this occurs on the tenth anniversary of the day Ashanti became a public listed company".

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Certain statements in this announcement are forward-looking within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Although Ashanti believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, no assurance can be given that such expectations will prove to have been correct.

For a discussion of the important factors and risks involved in Ashanti's business refer to Ashanti's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), including Ashanti's amended annual report on Form 20-F/A for the year ended 31 December 2002, filed with the Commission on 17 June 2003.

Ashanti does not undertake any obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements discussed in this announcement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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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.

Date: April 26, 2004

ASHANTI GOLDFIELDS COMPANY LIMITED

By: /s/ Ernest Abankroh

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Name: Ernest Abankroh

Title: Company Secretary