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Press Statement

AngloGold Ashanti Ghana Limited update on directive to restore law and order at Obuasi

Accra, 24 October 2016 – AngloGold Ashanti Ghana (AGAG) wishes to provide clarity regarding the current security situation at Obuasi mine. Notably, the company would like to make clear that areas of the concession vacated by illegal miners in recent days are to remain secured and free of any illegal mining activity, under the directive from the Minerals Commission.

The directive to clear the site of illegal mining by 10 October was given by the Minerals Commission which, along with a multi-stakeholder committee it established, has prepared an alternative site nearby for the miners to relocate to. Even though the original deadline for a cessation of this unauthorized mining activity had passed, The Minerals Commission continues to work with key stakeholders to move the illegal miners from the remaining parts of the concession, whilst ensuring areas already secured are not reoccupied.

On Tuesday, 18 October, the Security Task Force took the first steps to restore safety and security to the Obuasi concession, which was invaded by illegal miners in February 2016. Their activities started with the fenced, operational areas of the mine and, once secured will move to other parts of the concession.

Following an absence of almost nine months, the return of the security contingent to the mine on Wednesday, 18 October, led to a number of protests in Obuasi. This prompted the Municipal Security Council to issue a 'roadmap' which extended the relocation period up to 10 November 2016.

The Minerals Commission subsequently amended the roadmap indicating that areas within the AGAG Mining lease which had been secured by the security agencies should remain secured – and therefore free of illegal mining activity -- while the "unauthorized miners" in those areas were relocated in accordance with the road map developed.

AGAG continues to work closely with the Minerals Commission, while urging authorities (including MUSEC, the Security Agencies, the Minerals Commission and all relevant stakeholders) to restore law and order peacefully, as they did during the limited deployment in late July when they cleared the Sansu Lizard Face and Wawase areas.

Unless and until the company's concession areas are fully cleared of illegal miners and the company can assess the damage caused over the past eight months, the company remains subject to a state of force majeure, as declared in February 2016 at the outset of the crisis.

For more background on Obuasi and recent security updates, please see www.futureofobuasi.com