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PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON RESTORATION OF SECURITY TO OBUASI GOLD MINE

(OBUASI, GHANA – PRESS RELEASE) -- AngloGold Ashanti would like to provide notice that the Government of Ghana has ordered the return of a military unit to the Obuasi Gold Mine, after an absence of more than a month.

The military’s mission is to restore law and order to the Obuasi site, and protect it from illegal mining. This will safeguard AngloGold Ashanti’s rights as the formal holder of the permits to develop this important national asset for the benefit of the Obuasi Community in particular, and Ghanaians in general. The leadership of the Obuasi Mine engaged with the leadership of the Obuasi Municipality on this subject, since Friday.

Over the weekend, the military began restoring order in areas outside the fenced operational footprint, whilst reviewing the situation in other areas of the concession. In the first half of the week they will begin operations within the fenced footprint of the mine, which is currently occupied by illegal miners. Several engagements between AngloGold Ashanti Ghana’s management and various local stakeholders have taken place in the last week to provide sufficient notice for the illegal miners to vacate the respective areas on the concession.

As we all know, illegal mining is against the law in Ghana. We therefore call upon all those that are not formally employed by AngloGold Ashanti, and engaged in illegal mining activities in the fenced operational footprint, the immediate surrounding footprint, and other infrastructure of the mine, to leave those areas immediately.

The safety of all community members is our priority, and preference is for this exit to occur peacefully.
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