## MEDIA RELEASE

## STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF JOHN OWUSU, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER AT OBUASI MINE Accra, 8th February, 2016:

AngloGold Ashanti is deeply saddened to confirm the death of an employee, John Owusu, who was killed in a car accident, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016, after a large group of illegal miners, trespassing on the site, hurled stones and other projectiles at a group of mine employees who were observing the incursion. Our thoughts and sympathies go to the bereaved family especially his wife and children in these difficult times.

AngloGold Ashanti is stopping all but the most critical functions at the Obuasi Mine, in order to minimize contact between its employees and the illegal miners. The safety of its employees, and others, is AngloGold Ashanti's first priority. AngloGold Ashanti continues to engage with all relevant and delegated government authorities in the region and at a national level, in order to manage the situation.

Obuasi mine has been on government-approved limited operations since the end of 2014, when underground mining operations were suspended.

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