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March 03, 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 March 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

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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-\_\_\_\_\_.

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: March 3, 2004

ASHANTI GOLDFIELDS COMPANY LIMITED

By: /s/ Ernest Abankroh

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Name: Ernest Abankroh  
Title: Company Secretary

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

3 March 2004

CIRCULAR TO SHAREHOLDERS

Two copies of the circular issued today by Ashanti Goldfields Company Limited ("Ashanti") in connection with the recommended proposal for its merger with AngloGold Limited ("AngloGold") have been submitted for publication through, and will shortly be available for inspection at, the Document Viewing Facility of the UK Listing Authority which is situated at:

The Financial Services Authority  
25 The North Colonnade  
Canary Wharf  
London E14 5HS

The documentation in relation to the merger is in the process of being distributed to Ashanti shareholders and they should expect to receive it within one week, subject to local postal arrangements.

There can be no assurance that a transaction with AngloGold will be completed. The implementation of the merger remains subject to, amongst other things, the approval by Ashanti shareholders and the confirmation of the scheme by the High Court.

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