

Policy on determining the independence of board members

AngloGold Ashanti subscribes to a policy of sound corporate governance practices informed by the requirements set in terms of applicable stock exchanges on which the company is listed, and particularly that of the Johannesburg and New York Stock Exchanges, as well as legislative imperatives of securities and companies laws and governance standards such as the King Code. The board will at all times comply with the requirement to consist of a majority of independent directors and this policy statement describes the criteria that will guide the board in determining which of its members are independent from a corporate governance point of view. The board retains an inherent discretion to determine the independence of its directors on a case-by-case basis taking into account the totality of the facts and the criteria established in this policy. Where the board, exercising its discretion and having considered all relevant facts, determines a director to be independent despite not meeting the criteria established in this policy, the board will fully disclose its reasoning in appropriate public reports.

The test of independence that will be used by the board of AngloGold Ashanti Limited to determine the independence of its members is based on the following:

1. An independent director is a non-executive director of the board who:
 - a. Is not a representative or officer of a significant shareholder of the company. For purposes of this policy the term “significant shareholder” means a shareholder who owns, directly or indirectly, more than 5 percent of the company's issued share capital or a shareholder who has the ability to influence the decisions of the board and/or management. The term “officer” shall mean a director or company secretary of the shareholder, any person identified as an officer according to the requirements of any relevant laws; any person who has the capacity to influence significant business and/or financial decisions of the shareholder (including decisions affecting the relationship with AngloGold Ashanti) or who is appointed to any capacity within the shareholder by its board or any of its board committees;
 - b. Has not been employed in an executive capacity by the company or the group for the preceding three financial years. For purposes of this policy the term “executive capacity” means any employee whose appointment requires the approval of the Remuneration Committee, Nominations Committee or the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee of the board;
 - c. Has not been the auditor of the company for the preceding three financial years;
 - d. Is not a professional adviser to the company other than in his or her capacity as a director of the company;
 - e. Does not have a material interest in a contract with the company or is not employed by a company that has a material interest in a contract with the company. For purposes of this policy the term “material interest in a contract” means, as a guideline, any contract which is:
 - (i) The greater of 0.5 percent of AngloGold Ashanti's total gross revenue in the preceding financial year or \$20 million whichever is the greater; and
 - (ii) Even if the limit mentioned in (i) above is not exceeded, the board will consider whether the contract is deemed material to either contracting side taking into account all relevant facts including (but not limited to) the value of the contract relative to the total business of each party and the importance of the business relationship to the parties.
 - f. Is free of any other business or other relationship which could be perceived to materially interfere with the individual's capacity to act independently of other board members, management or the individual's own interests;
 - g. Receives remuneration for services as a director in the form of cash and shares (but not share options); and
 - h. Objectively conducts himself or herself in a manner displaying independence of thought, judgment and action.
2. For purposes of determining the independence of directors the criteria above will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the immediate family members of the director. For purposes of this policy the term “immediate family member” shall include any of the following persons who are related to the director in question: spouse, children and grandchildren; parents, parents-in-law and grandparents; siblings and their spouses, children, and grandchildren.