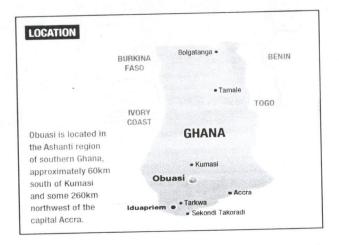


## OBUAS GEARS FOR GROWTH

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"As a company, we are committed to ensuring that the redevelopment of this mine is rewarding and inclusive of all stakeholders."

Kelvin Dushnisky, Chief Executive Officer, AngloGold Ashanti



AngloGold Ashanti has demonstrated its commitment to increasing meaningful local participation in the redevelopment of the Obuasi orebody by encouraging the creation of a joint venture.

The \$375 million, five-year underground mining contract will be undertaken by Underground Mining Alliance Limited (UMA), a joint venture between African Underground Mining Services (AUMS) and Accra-based Rocksure International, a wholly owned Ghanaian mining contractor, which will help develop mechanised, underground mining expertise within Ghana's local mining and engineering sectors.

Around 550 people, predominantly Ghanaians, will be employed and trained by the contractors for the duration of the contract, allowing for the transfer of knowledge and skills.

Rocksure, which has a strong track record in open-pit mining, will work closely with Australia's AUMS, which has significan experience in underground mining. Rocksure will have a 30% stake in the joint venture and AUMS the balance.

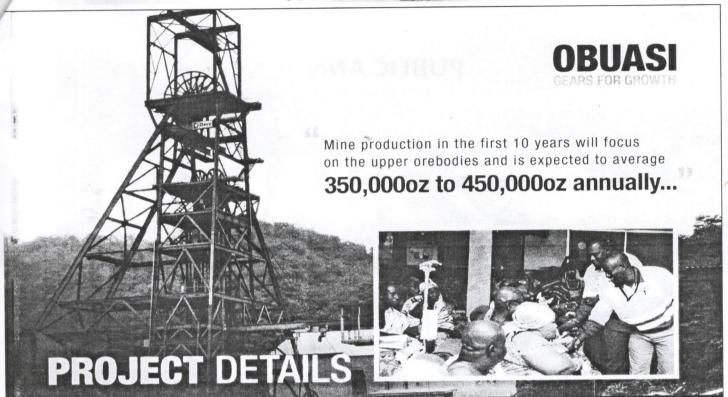
UMA will provide the full suite of underground mining services at Obuasi while AngloGold Ashanti will supply major capital equipment.

Works are expected to start in the first quarter of 2019.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS** TO DATE







Obuasi, which has been primarily an underground operation, was placed on care and maintenance in 2016 pending the commencement of the redevelopment project. In June 2018, the Parliament of Ghana ratified the regulatory and fiscal agreements that cover the redevelopment of the mine and the Environmental Protection Agency issued environmental permits.

With the key permitting and regulatory processes finalised, the mining services contract could be signed as another key milestone in delivering a modern, mechanised underground mining operation with 5.8Moz of Ore Reserves and 34Moz in Mineral Resource, and a life of mine extending beyond 20 years.

Obuasi is primarily an underground mine operating at depths of up to 1,500m with a continuous history of mining dating back to 1897. The mining operations are located on a concession of approximately 201km² (20,100ha) and within a largely forested region occupied by 240,000 people who are largely subsistence farmers.

Underground access is via two main vertical shafts and a decline access while an additional shaft is used for dewatering the extreme north of the mine. The full extent of the underground operations is 8km.

Mineral extraction, by means of bacterial oxidation of the sulphide ore, is conducted at the South Treatment Plant, which has been in operation since 1993. Tailings are deposited at the South Tailings Storage Facility, located 4km to the northwest of the plant.

Implementation of the Obuasi Redevelopment Project will be undertaken in two distinct phases:

- Phase 1 will comprise project establishment, mine rehabilitation and development, as well as plant and infrastructure refurbishment to enable production at a rate of 2,000t per day for the first operating year. This is expected to take approximately 18 months with the first gold pour expected at the end of 2019.
- Phase 2 will include refurbishment of the underground materials handling system, shafts and ventilation, as well as construction of the primary crusher, the SAG/ball circuit, carbon regeneration, a new gold room and tailings storage facility. This is expected to take a further 12 months and enable the operation to climb to 4,000t per day. The operation is then expected to ramp up to 5,000t per day over the following three years.

Mine production in the first 10 years will focus on the upper orebodies and is expected to average 350,000oz to 450,000oz annually at an average head grade of 8.1g/t. In the following 10 years, average annual production of 400,000oz to 450,000oz is forecast. Total cash costs are expected to average between \$590/oz and \$680/oz and all-in sustaining costs between \$750/oz and \$850/oz.

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