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FORM 6-K
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of August, 2003

Commission File Number:0-49888

Randgold Resources Limited
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

La Motte Chambers, La Motte Street, St. Helier, Jersey,
JE1 1BJ, Channel Islands
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Randgold Resources Limited
Incorporated in Jersey, Channel Islands
Registration Number 62868
LSE Trading Symbol: RRS
Nasdaq Trading Symbol: GOLD

London, 8 August 2003

RANDGOLD RESOURCES CONFIRMS MERGER PROPOSAL

The Board of Randgold Resources Limited ("Randgold") (LSE: RRS) (NASDAQ: GOLD), notes the recent press comment and confirms that it has submitted an indicative merger proposal to the Board of Ashanti Goldfields Company Limited ("Ashanti"). This indicative proposal envisages the acquisition of the issued share capital of Ashanti through a scheme of arrangement at a proposed ratio of one Randgold ordinary share or American Depositary Receipt for every two Ashanti ordinary shares. It also proposes to retain the Ashanti name and is conditional on, amongst other things, further due diligence.

These discussions are at an early stage and may or may not lead to a formal proposal being made or an agreement being reached.

A further announcement will be made in due course, as appropriate.

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Randgold does not undertake any obligation to update any forward looking statements discussed in this announcement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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.

Randgold Resources Limited

By:___/s/David Haddon___
David Haddon
Group Company Secretary

Date: 11 August 2003

