RANDGOLD RESOURCES LTD
Form 6-K
August 15, 2003

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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in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- _____

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

UPDATE ON INDICATIVE MERGER PROPOSAL

London, Friday 15 August 2003 - Following the announcement by Randgold Resources Limited ("Randgold Resources")(LSE: RRS)(NASDAQ: GOLD) on Friday 8 August that it had submitted an indicative merger proposal to Ashanti Goldfields Company Limited ("Ashanti"), Randgold Resources is pleased to note the announcement made today by the Government of Ghana, the text of which is reproduced below:

"Following the proposals presented to it in May for a merger between Ashanti Goldfields Ltd. and Anglo Gold Ltd. of South Africa, the Government of Ghana has also received indicative proposals for a merger with Randgold Resources Limited, a gold mining company based in Jersey, UK.

As previously announced, the Government has appointed a consortium led by Societe Generale to act as advisers to the Government in its capacity as a (16.9 per cent.) shareholder in Ashanti, holder of the golden share in Ashanti, and regulator of the mining industry in Ghana, and to assist the Government in arriving at a decision on the future of Ashanti Goldfields Ltd.

The Government intends to reach a decision on this matter once it has had the opportunity to consider fully, in conjunction with its advisers, both proposals and any others that may be received. In coming to its decision, the Government will be guided solely by what it considers to be in the best interests of Ghana and its people, and of Ashanti Goldfields Ltd. as a major transnational mining enterprise with its roots in Ghana.

HON. NANA AKOMEA (MP)
MINISTER OF INFORMATION"

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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: 15 August 2003