

RANDGOLD RESOURCES LTD  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16**

**under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the month of January 2012 (first filing)**

**Commission File Number: 0-49888**

**Randgold Resources Limited**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Attached to the Registrant's Form 6-K filing for the month of January 2012, and incorporated by reference herein, is:

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
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| 1.          | Release, dated January 20, 2012, entitled Partnerships Conquer Challenges at Tongon .             |
| 2.          | Release, dated January 24, 2012, entitled Goukoto Boosts Loulo Complex as Development Continues . |

**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  
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Dated: January 27, 2012

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**PARTNERSHIPS CONQUER CHALLENGES AT TONGON**

*Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 20 January 2012* Randgold Resources' new gold mine at Tongon in Côte d'Ivoire, nurtured as a project through a civil war and then successfully commissioned in the final quarter of 2010 during the post-election disturbances, represents a triumph of the company's philosophy of partnering with its host countries, chief executive Mark Bristow said here today.

The volatile environment, the challenge of ramping up production while transitioning from oxide to sulphide ore treatment and complexities which arose in the changeover from diesel to grid power affected production. Additionally, a failure of the barring gear on the No1 mill in November led the company to revise its 2011 production guidance and the mine ended its first full year as a fully stabilised operation on track to achieve the planned average of 270 000 ounces per year going forward. Developed at a cost of some US\$400 million, it is the biggest mine in Côte d'Ivoire as well as one of the largest private-sector investments in that country. It has 90 tonnes of gold reserves and an estimated 10-year life.

When we invest in a new mine, we are also investing in the country where it is located and in that country's people, Bristow said. The value we demonstrably deliver to these stakeholders builds strong and mutually beneficial relationships. It is these relationships that enabled us to develop and commission Tongon in the face of many obstacles.

He noted that of the 410 people employed at Tongon by Randgold, 382 were Ivorian, many of them recruited from nearby villages, while the contractors' complement of 773 included 727 national personnel.

As a matter of principle we employ a very high proportion of local nationals wherever we operate, and we insist that our contractors do the same. This not only creates employment in remote and often deprived areas, but also transfers valuable skills which will open up future opportunities for these people, he said.

Bristow cited the cooperation between Randgold and the Ivorian power utility as another example of partnership in action. Tongon has now been plugged into the national power grid, making it the first Randgold mine which does not have to rely on self-generated electricity. Access to this power is a significant cost advantage to the mine, but the roll-out of the grid into the north of the country also benefits the local communities.

Mining in Africa should be about sustainability and not short-term gain. That's why Randgold's growth strategy is a long-term one, focused on creating lasting value for all its stakeholders, he said.

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**GOUNKOTO BOOSTS LOULO COMPLEX AS DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES**

**Loulo, Mali, 24 January 2012** A robust contribution from the new Goukoto mine enhanced the capacity and flexibility of Randgold Resources Loulo complex to increase gold production in 2011 despite the substantial challenges presented by the development of two underground mines and the plant expansion.

Goukoto accounted for a significant part of the complex's annual production, giving Loulo the capacity to grow overall output while getting its Yalea underground mine on track and pressing ahead with the Gara underground development. Because it accesses the Loulo infrastructure on a toll basis, Goukoto is expected to recoup its relatively low capital cost by the end of the first quarter of 2012. This means among other things that the State of Mali, a 20% shareholder, will get the benefit of an early dividend as well as full ownership of its stake.

The Mali government has agreed to split the Loulo mining permit, making Goukoto a standalone operation. Chief executive Mark Bristow said this was a further instance of the importance of Randgold's philosophy of fostering mutually beneficial partnerships with its host countries.

Bristow also said the Loulo complex represented a textbook illustration of the effectiveness of Randgold's strategy of creating value through discovery and development, as well as of its commitment to building sustainably profitable businesses.

The complex has grown from an 800 000 ounce resource to a fully integrated, long-life opencast and underground operation, targeting production of 500 000 ounces this year. With 9 million ounces of reserves, significant grades and a huge upside, it will be profitable at any realistically conceivable gold price, he said.

Meanwhile, Goukoto's contribution has enabled Randgold to implement the drastic remedial measures it promised last year to get the stuttering Yalea underground development on track. A new team led by mining general manager Ted de Villiers, underground manager Mamou Toure and operations manager George Lawrie, has completed a complete redesign of the underground operations, addressed the geotechnical and ventilation issues, upgraded the infrastructure and produced a solid two-year plan to achieve all targets.

Our aim is to build up the Yalea and Gara underground ore tonnage from the current 100 000tpm to 190 000tpm by the end of the year. Once we've reached steady state in 2013, we'll be able to optimise the development to reduce costs, says de Villiers.

As we pointed out last year, the comprehensive review of all aspects of Yalea inevitably brought with it some short-term inflexibility which impacted on its 2011 performance, but we're now rapidly catching up through a much-improved development rate and the build-up of the mining reserve. Over at Gara, meanwhile, the lessons we learned at Yalea have helped us to keep this development on track from the start. Gara has already accessed first ore and is well set to achieve its 2012 tonnage target.

Bristow adds that underground mining is clearly going to be an important leg of Randgold's business in future, and at Yalea it is not only establishing a strong Malian team but building a core underground skills base for the company.

We believe that to operate sustainably in an emerging country one should develop the local people rather than rely on expatriate skills, he said.



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