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Form 6-K  
February 27, 2006

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

For the month of February 2006

AETERNA ZENTARIS INC.  
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1405, boul. du Parc-Technologique  
Quebec, Quebec  
Canada, G1P 4P5  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports  
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information  
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Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X  
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DOCUMENTS INDEX

Documents Description

- 1. Press release dated February 22, 2006: Aeterna Zentaris to report  
future financial results in U.S. dollars  
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PRESS RELEASE  
For immediate release

AETERNA ZENTARIS TO REPORT FUTURE FINANCIAL RESULTS IN U.S. DOLLARS

QUEBEC (CANADA), FEBRUARY 22, 2006 - AETerna Zentaris Inc. (TSX: AEZ, NASDAQ:AEZS) today announced that, as of the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2005, it will report its financial results and financial position in U.S. dollars. Accordingly, all of the Company's assets and liabilities outside the United States will be translated into U.S. dollars using the exchange rate in effect at the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses will be translated at the average rate in effect during the period. Gains and losses will be included in cumulative translation adjustments account in the shareholders' equity. Finally, the functional currencies of the Company and each of its subsidiaries remain unchanged.

"Our Board of Directors has approved the change in reporting currency in U.S. dollars since most of our consolidated activities are conducted in U.S. dollars, which better reflects the Company's true operating results and financial position," stated Gilles Gagnon, President and Chief Executive Officer at AETerna Zentaris.

ABOUT AETERNA ZENTARIS INC.

AETerna Zentaris Inc. is a growing global biopharmaceutical company engaged in the discovery, development and marketing of therapies for cancer and endocrine disorders.

AETerna Zentaris also owns 48.4% of the equity of Atrium Biotechnologies Inc. (TSX: ATB.sv) and 64.8% of its voting rights. Atrium is a developer, manufacturer and marketer of science-based products for the cosmetics, pharmaceutical, chemical and nutritional industries.

News releases and additional information are available at  
www.aeternazentaris.com.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release contains forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those

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in the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the availability of funds and resources to pursue R&D projects, the successful and timely completion of clinical studies, the ability of the Company to take advantage of business opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry, uncertainties related to the regulatory process and general changes in economic

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conditions. Investors should consult the Company's quarterly and annual filings with the Canadian and U.S. securities commissions for additional information on risks and uncertainties relating to the forward-looking statements. Investors are cautioned not to rely on these forward-looking statements. The Company does not undertake to update these forward-looking statements.

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SIGNATURE

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.

AETERNA ZENTARIS INC.

Date: February 27, 2006

By: /s/ Mario Paradis

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Mario Paradis  
Senior Finance Director and Corporate Secretary