

Aeterna Zentaris Inc.  
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**FORM 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER**

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

For the month of January 2007

**ÆTERNA ZENTARIS INC.**

1405, boul. du Parc-Technologique  
Québec, Québec  
Canada, G1P 4P5  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes

No

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<b>Documents</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.	Material Change Report dated January 8, 2007

**FORM 51-102F3**

**MATERIAL CHANGE REPORT**

**ÆTERNA ZENTARIS INC.**

1.

**Reporting Issuer**

Æterna Zentaris Inc. (the "Corporation")  
1405 du Parc-Technologique Blvd.  
Quebec, Quebec G1P 4P5

2.

**Date of Material Change**

January 2, 2007

3.

**Press Release**

On January 3, 2007, the Corporation issued a press release indicating the material change, which was disseminated in Canada on the CNW Telbec news wire service. A copy of such press release is attached hereto as **Schedule A**.

4.

**Summary of Material Change**

On January 3, 2007, the Corporation announced that, after having obtained shareholder approval at the Corporation's special meeting of shareholders held on December 15, 2006, it had effected the special distribution in kind to its shareholders of all of its 11,052,996 subordinate voting shares of the capital of Atrium Biotechnologies Inc. ("Atrium").

5.

**Full Description of Material Change**

On January 3, 2007, the Corporation announced that, after having obtained shareholder approval at the Corporation's special meeting of shareholders held on December 15, 2006, it had effected the special distribution in kind to its shareholders of all of its 11,052,996 subordinate voting shares of the capital of Atrium (the "Atrium Shares").

Prior to the payment of the special distribution in kind, the Corporation had held 11,052,996 Atrium Shares. The Corporation had previously announced and disclosed in its management information circular dated November 14, 2006, that, subject to obtaining the approval of its shareholders at its special meeting of shareholders held on December 15, 2006, it would distribute all 11,052,996 Atrium Shares held by the Corporation; however, the Corporation also announced and disclosed that no fractional Atrium Shares would be distributed to registered holders of the Corporation's common shares, and that all such fractional Atrium Shares would be rounded down to the nearest whole number.

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**6. Reliance on Confidentiality Section of the Act**

Not applicable.

**7. Omitted Information**

Not applicable.

**8. Executive Officer**

Further information regarding the matters described in this report may be obtained from Mario Paradis, Corporate Secretary. Mr. Paradis is knowledgeable about the details of the material change and may be contacted at (418) 652-8525.

**9. Date of the Material Change Report**

January 8, 2007.

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**SCHEDULE A**

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**(January 3, 2007)**

See attached.

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## Press Release

For immediate release

### **Aeterna Zentaris Completes Distribution of Remaining Shares of Atrium Biotechnologies**

#### **Aeterna Zentaris emerges as a pure play biopharmaceutical company**

**Quebec City, Québec (Canada), January 3, 2007** Aeterna Zentaris Inc. (TSX: AEZ; NASDAQ: AEZS), a growing global biopharmaceutical company focused on endocrine therapy and oncology, announced that it has completed the special distribution in kind of all of the 11,052,996 subordinate voting shares of the capital of Atrium Biotechnologies Inc. (TSX: ATB) previously held by Aeterna Zentaris by way of return of capital that was approved at the Company's special meeting of shareholders held on December 15, 2006.

Gilles Gagnon, Aeterna Zentaris President and CEO commented, "Over the past year, not only did we successfully advance our pipeline to late-stage development, but we also set the stage to become a pure play biopharmaceutical company by spinning off Atrium. We are now extremely motivated and confident as we are more focused on building solid endocrinology and oncology franchises."

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction.

#### **About Aeterna Zentaris Inc.**

Aeterna Zentaris Inc. is a growing global biopharmaceutical company focused on endocrine therapy and oncology with proven expertise in drug discovery, development and commercialization.

News releases and additional information are available at [www.aeternazentaris.com](http://www.aeternazentaris.com).

#### **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. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements preceded by, followed by, or that include the words "believes", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "expects", "estimates", "will," "may", "should", "approximately", and the negative or other variations of those terms or comparable terminology, are forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect management's current views, intentions, strategies and plans and are based on certain assumptions.

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Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the ability of Aeterna Zentaris to complete the special distribution in the manner described herein, whether Aeterna Zentaris will be able to implement its business strategies, the availability of funds and resources to pursue R&D projects, the successful and timely completion of clinical studies, the ability of Aeterna Zentaris to take advantage of business opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry, uncertainties related to the regulatory process and general changes in economic 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.

ÆTERNA ZENTARIS INC.

Date: January 23, 2007

By: /s/ MARIO PARADIS

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Mario Paradis  
Vice President, Finance & Administration and  
Corporate Secretary

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