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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 February 2005

AETERNA ZENTARIS INC.

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(Formerly named AETerna Laboratories Inc.)

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  
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Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  \_\_\_\_\_

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PRESS RELEASE  
For immediate release

AETERNA ZENTARIS TO PRESENT AT UPCOMING BIO CEO AND WELLS FARGO  
CONFERENCES IN NEW YORK CITY

QUEBEC CITY, CANADA, FEBRUARY 14, 2005 - Aeterna Zentaris Inc. (TSX: AEZ; Nasdaq: AEZS) today announced that Gilles Gagnon, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, will present a corporate update at the Bio CEO & Investor Conference 2005 on Wednesday, February 23, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. ET, in the Basildon room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Furthermore, on Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. ET, Mr. Gagnon will present a corporate update at the Wells Fargo Conference in the Fontainebleau room of the St. Regis Hotel in New York City.

A live webcast of both these presentations will be available on Aeterna Zentaris' website in the INVESTORS section at [www.aeternazentaris.com](http://www.aeternazentaris.com)

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ABOUT AETERNA ZENTARIS INC.

Aeterna Zentaris Inc. is an oncology and endocrine therapy focused biopharmaceutical company with proven expertise in drug discovery, development and commercialization. The Company's broad 20 product pipeline leverages five different therapeutic approaches, including LHRH antagonists and signal transduction inhibitors. The lead LHRH antagonist compound, cetrorelix, is currently marketed for IN VITRO fertilization under the brand name Cetrotide(R), and has successfully completed a broad Phase II program in endometriosis and benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH). The lead signal transduction inhibitor compound, perifosine, is an orally-active AKT inhibitor that is in several Phase II trials for multiple cancers.

Aeterna Zentaris also owns 61.1% of Atrium Biotechnologies Inc., an international company that develops, manufactures and markets added-value

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products for the cosmetics, pharmaceutical, chemical and nutritional industries.

News releases and additional information about Aeterna Zentaris are available on its Web site [www.aeternazentaris.com](http://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 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 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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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 14, 2005  
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By: /s/Mario Paradis  
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Mario Paradis  
Senior Finance Director and  
Corporate Secretary