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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 October 2004

AETERNA ZENTARIS INC.

(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 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 contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Yes No X

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1. Press release dated October 28, 2004 - AEterna Zentaris Announces Third Quarter Financial Results Conference Call and Webcast

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> PRESS RELEASE For immediate release

AETERNA ZENTARIS ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS CONFERENCE CALL AND WEBCAST

QUEBEC CITY, CANADA, OCTOBER 28, 2004 - AEterna Zentaris Inc. (TSX: AEZ; Nasdaq: AEZS) announced that its quarterly conference call and webcast have been scheduled for Thursday, November 4, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time. The call will follow the press release of AEterna Zentaris' third quarter 2004 financial results issued earlier on the same day. Participants may access the live webcast via the Company's website at www.aeternazentaris.com in the "investors" section, or by telephone using the following numbers: 416-640-4127, 514-807-8791 or 1-800-814-4941.

A replay of the webcast will also be available on the website for a period of $30 \, \mathrm{days}$.

AEterna Zentaris is a biopharmaceutical company with an extensive portfolio of marketed and development-stage products in oncology, endocrine therapy and infectious diseases.

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1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AETERNA ZENTARIS INC.

Date: October 28, 2004

By: /s/ Mario Paradis

Mario Paradis

Senior Finance Director and

Corporate Secretary