Aeterna Zentaris Inc. Form 6-K March 16, 2017

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 March 2017 Commission file number 0-30752

AETERNA ZENTARIS INC.

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DOCUMENTS INDEX

Documents Description

- 99.1 Press Release of the Registrant entitled: "Aeterna Zentaris Reports Fourth Quarter and Full-Year 2016 Financial and Operating Results"
- ^{99.2} The Registrant's Annual Audited Consolidated Financial Statements as at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014
- 99.3 The Registrant's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the financial year ended December 31, 2016

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: March 15, 2017

By: /s/ Philip A. Theodore

Philip A. Theodore Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary