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**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 17, 2006

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ANORMED INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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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.

ANORMED INC.

(Registrant)

Date March 20, 2006

By

/ s / W.J. Adams

(Signature)*

William J. (Bill) Adams, Chief
Financial Officer

* Print the name and title under the signature of the signing officer.

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ANORMED ANNOUNCES AMD070 IS ACTIVE IN HIV PATIENTS

For Immediate Release:

March 17, 2006

Vancouver, B.C. AnorMED Inc. (AMEX:AOM; TSX:AOM) is pleased to announce that preliminary clinical data on AMD070, an HIV entry inhibitor, shows the drug candidate is active, generally safe and well tolerated in HIV patients.

The open label dose finding study, XACT, funded by AnorMED, involves dosing of AMD070 twice daily for 10 consecutive days. There are up to 4 cohorts with a total of 12 patients per cohort. Activity and safety data from the first 8 HIV patients enrolled in the first dose cohort, show 4/8 had significant reductions in CXCR4 viral load with an average reduction of 1.3 log. Based on this data, enrollment into the first cohort will be completed and the next dose cohort will be initiated. More detailed activity and safety data from XACT will be submitted for presentation at ICAAC in September 2006.

Given that this is the first dose cohort in our dose finding study we are very pleased to see such significant activity in 50% of the patients enrolled to date in XACT, with no serious safety concerns to date in any of the patients in this study. Based on these results we hope to move as quickly as possible into our next dose cohort and toward identifying the clinically optimal dose, said Dr. Stephen Becker, Director of Clinical Development, AnorMED Inc.

Over the next six months AnorMED will continue its preclinical safety studies of lead formulations of AMD070 and complete a drug manufacture to support future clinical studies, including drug interaction studies as well as the Phase IIb study planned to start by year end 2006.

HIV entry inhibitors may become a new treatment paradigm in the management of HIV. In order to enter and infect healthy cells HIV must bind to either the CXCR4 or CCR5 receptor. AnorMED's HIV Entry Inhibitor Program is focused on the discovery and development of drugs that target both receptors. AMD070, a CXCR4 inhibitor, was

developed in-house at AnorMED. Up to 40% of HIV patients are infected with HIV using the CXCR4 receptor. AnorMED also has several compounds in preclinical studies that target the CCR5 receptor.

AnorMED is a chemistry-based biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of new therapeutic products in the areas of hematology, HIV and oncology. The Company has a product in Phase III development, a product in Phase II development and a research program focused on a novel class of compounds that target specific chemokine receptors known to be involved in a variety of diseases including HIV. Additional information on AnorMED Inc. is available on the Company's website www.anormed.com.

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ANORMED ANNOUNCES SPECIAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING

TO BE HELD ON APRIL 21, 2006

For Immediate Release:

March 17, 2006

Vancouver, B.C. AnorMED Inc. (TSX:AOM, AMEX:AOM) announced today that negotiations with the requisitionists have been terminated and the Company expects to mail out its proxy circular the week of March 27, 2006.

The upcoming special shareholder meeting will now be held on April 21, 2006 in Vancouver. The record date of the special shareholder meeting, February 28, 2006, remains the same.

The special meeting of shareholders was requisitioned by various entities managed by Felix J. Baker and Julian C. Baker for the purposes of replacing the existing Board of Directors.

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March 17, 2006

Dear Sirs:

All applicable Exchanges and Commissions & CDS & CO.

Subject:

ANORMED INC. -- AMENDED

We advise the following with respect to the upcoming Meeting of Shareholders for the subject Corporation:

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| 1. Meeting Type | Special Meeting |
| 2. CUSIP/Class of Security entitled to receive notification | 0359101080/CA0359101080/COMMON |
| 3. CUSIP/Class of Security entitled to vote | 0359101080/CA0359101080/COMMON |
| 4. Record Date for Notice | 28 Feb 2006 |
| 5. Record date for Voting | 28 Feb 2006 |
| 6. Beneficial Ownership determination date | 28 Feb 2006 |
| 7. Meeting Date | 21 Apr2006 |
| 8. Meeting Location | Vancouver, BC |

Yours Truly

/ s / Linda Kelly

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ANORMED RELEASES STATEMENT REGARDING REJECTION OF THE BAKER GROUP PROPOSAL &
DECISION TO HOLD SPECIAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING

For Immediate Release:

March 20, 2006

Vancouver, B.C. AnorMED Inc. (AOM:TSX; AOM:AMEX) provides shareholders with additional information regarding AnorMED's decision to reschedule the Special meeting of shareholders given that no consensual resolution regarding the requisition to replace the existing Board of Directors could be achieved.

After refusing for two months to consider any compromise proposals put forward by the Special Committee of the Board of AnorMED, Dr Baker made his own proposal for a Board which would include 6 new directors. This proposal was accepted by the Special Committee of the Board with the proviso that management be given adequate severance coverage in the event that their employment was terminated. The Special Committee's motivation was to ensure retention of key senior management critical to the success of AnorMED and progress of its clinical pipeline thus maximizing shareholder value.

Contrary to the Press Release of 17 March from Baker Brothers, the Special Committee and senior management of AnorMED supported a resolution whereby senior management would not receive either the C\$ 2.7 million or the accelerated share vesting mentioned by Baker Brothers. However, in view of the uncertainties generated by this process, the Special Committee was only willing to agree to Dr Baker's proposal if management were provided with severance arrangements similar to those in their existing change of control contracts. This would cost AnorMED nothing, if none of senior management were dismissed.

Rather than accept this, Dr Baker decided to proceed to the Special Meeting, where, if his slate were to be elected, AnorMED would be obliged to pay out the C\$ 2.7 million and the accelerated share vesting to management, if they continued their employment with AnorMED for 6 months after the change of control.

The special meeting of shareholders was requisitioned by various entities managed by Felix J. Baker and Julian C. Baker for the purposes of replacing the existing Board of Directors.

The Circular will be distributed to all AnorMED shareholders in the week of March 27, 2006, prior to the Special Meeting of Shareholders, which will be held in Vancouver, BC on April 21, 2006.

The Board has selected three new directors with expertise in drug commercialization, leadership in transition to profitability and finance to assist the Corporation as it moves to maximize the value of AnorMED. New members of the proposed Board and its position on the requisition will be addressed in its Proxy Circular.

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