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**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 December 12, 2005

Commission File Number

**ANORMED INC.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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**ANORMED INC.**

(Registrant)

Date December 16, 2005

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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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ANORMED ANNOUNCES 73 PERCENT OF CANCER PATIENTS WHO FAILED PRIOR CHEMOTHERAPY MOBILIZATIONS SUCCEED IN COLLECTING ENOUGH STEM CELLS FOR TRANSPLANT IN MOZOBIL™ COMPASSIONATE USE PROGRAM**

**For Immediate Release:**

**December 12 2005**

**Vancouver, British Columbia** - AnorMED (AMEX: AOM, TSX:AOM) announces the first report of clinical results on MOZOBIL (AMD3100), a first in class stem cell mobilizer, from the compassionate use protocol (CUP) in cancer patients requiring a stem cell transplant. Cancer patients enrolled in the MOZOBIL CUP program failed prior attempts to collect stem cells for transplant using standard mobilization regimens. Data reported shows that re-mobilization with MOZOBIL and G-CSF allowed patients to collect enough stem cells for a transplant. Preliminary results on the first 70 CUP patients were released today in an oral presentation given by Dr. Joseph McGuirk, Medical Director of the Kansas City Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, at the American Society of Hematology (ASH) conference in Atlanta.

Stem cell mobilization is an important but difficult process for cancer patients. Depending on the type of disease, more than 20 percent of patients just can't mobilize enough stem cells, that later will get them through the intense chemotherapy they need to survive. The strongest predictor of success in transplantation is the number of stem cells available for transplantation, said Dr. McGuirk. He added, MOZOBIL gave the patients in the compassionate use program a fighting chance to collect enough stem cells for a potentially life-saving transplant after prior attempts using G-CSF alone or chemotherapy plus G-CSF mobilization failed.

In 69/70 CUP patients prior attempts to collect cells failed, including multiple prior attempts in 16/70 patients. Prior mobilization regimens included: 33 using G-CSF alone; 17 using cyclophosphamide (chemotherapy) plus G-CSF; 37 using cyclophosphamide plus G-CSF plus other agents; and six using other growth factors or regimens.

Preliminary results from CUP highlight that of the 30 patients in CUP who failed prior collections using chemotherapy plus G-CSF, 22/30 (73%) were successful in collecting the minimum number (2 million CD34+ stem cells/kg of patient weight) of stem cells for transplant when re-mobilized with MOZOBIL and G-CSF. For the 27 patients, who failed prior collection attempts using cytokine regimens (G-CSF and other), 13/27 (48%) were successful in collecting the minimum number of stem cells for transplant when re-mobilized with MOZOBIL and G-CSF.

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We are very pleased with the success of MOZOBIL in helping proven failed mobilizers in our CUP program, who are most in need of new mobilization options, go on to have a transplant said Dr. Gary Calandra, VP Clinical Development, AnorMED Inc. He added, In addition, we are pleased with the new clinical results presented at ASH by many of our investigators showing the real potential of MOZOBIL to help Hodgkin s patients as well as patients undergoing allogeneic transplant. Although preliminary, we are also very excited about the possibility that MOZOBIL may have a survival benefit for transplant patients due to the increased number of lymphocytes that can be collected when it is included in a mobilization regimen.

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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. Information on AnorMED Inc. is available on the Company's website: [www.anormed.com](http://www.anormed.com).

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**Notes to Editors and Reporters:**

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Approximately 45,000 stem cell transplantations are performed yearly worldwide (IBMTR/ABMTR 2003). Stem cells used to be collected from patients using an invasive procedure called bone marrow transplant. This technique is now being replaced by a new procedure called peripheral blood stem cell transplant (PBSCT). In this procedure, stem cells are collected from the circulating blood for transplantation. Prior to collection, patients are given G-CSF which causes stem cells in the body to multiply. The objective of this procedure is to get as many stem cells as possible into the circulating blood where they can be collected.

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**Form 51-102F3  
Material Change Report**

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***Item 2.***

***Date of Material Change***

December 12, 2005.

***Item 3.***

***News Release***

The news release was issued at Langley, B.C. on December 12, 2005 and disseminated via Canada NewsWire.

***Item 4.***

***Summary of Material Change***

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**Item 6.**

**Reliance on subsection 7.1(2) or (3) of National Instrument 51-102**

Not applicable.

**Item 7.**

**Omitted Information**

No significant facts remain confidential and no information has been omitted in this report.

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***Item 8.***

***Executive Officer***

**Name of Executive Officer:**

Mr. W.J. (Bill) Adams  
Chief Financial Officer

**Telephone Number:**

604 530 1057

***Item 9.***

***Date of Report***

December 19, 2005.

***W.J. (Bill) Adams***

Signature

W.J. (Bill) Adams,

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Name and Position of Signatory