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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 April 21, 2006

Commission File Number

001-32654

ANORMED INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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SIGNATURES

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 April 21, 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 SHAREHOLDERS VOTE OVERWHELMINGLY FOR NEW SHAREHOLDER-NOMINATED
BOARD

New Board Immediately Starts Working For Positive Change

in Strategic Direction and Governance

For Immediate Release:

April 21, 2006

Vancouver, B.C. - Shareholders of AnorMED Inc. (TSX:AOM, AMEX:AOM) today voted overwhelmingly to elect a new, independent and experienced Board of Directors to work for the benefit of all shareholders.

At a Special Meeting of Shareholders, approximately 74% of the shares voted in support of the eight directors nominated by Baker Bros. Advisors, LLC, on behalf of the funds it manages that are collectively AnorMED's largest shareholder. The directors nominated by management and the previous Board received approximately 26% of the votes cast.

The following individuals were elected as Directors of AnorMED:

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Felix J. Baker, Ph.D. Managing Member of Baker Bros. Advisors, LLC

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Joseph P. Dougherty, Ph.D. Managing Director of Seaview Securities LLC

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Henry Fuchs, M.D., Ph.D., Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Onyx Pharmaceuticals

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Kenneth Galbraith, President, Gigha Consulting Ltd.

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Jacques R. Lapointe, Chairman, Conjuchem Inc.

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I. Berl Nadler, Partner, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP

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Kelvin Neu, M.D., Associate, Baker Bros. Advisors, LLC

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Klaus Veitinger, M.D., Ph.D, Member of the Executive Board and Chief Executive Officer, U.S. & Asian Operations, Schwarz Pharma AG

Immediately following the Special Meeting, the Board of Directors named Mr. Galbraith as Chair and appointed Dr. Michael Abrams, AnorMED's President and Chief Executive Officer and Dr. William Hunter, Chief Executive Officer of Angiotech as additional Directors.

This new Board of Directors is committed to maximizing long-term value for all AnorMED shareholders. It has already begun its work to effect positive change and to determine a new strategic direction for the Company, Galbraith

said. We will ensure that AnorMED has the best corporate strategy for growth and that the Company follows the highest standards of independent and active corporate governance.

In addition to the appointment of Mr. Galbraith as Chair, the Board appointed Dr. Veitinger as Vice-Chair of the Board and named the members of the four Committees of the Board to assist in the execution of the Board's duties and

responsibilities. Also, Mr. Nadler has been appointed as Ombudsperson under AnorMED's Business Philosophy & Corporate Code of Ethics policies.

The Membership and Chairs for each Committee of the Board are:

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Audit and Risk Committee: Mr. Lapointe (Chair), Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Nadler and Dr. Veitinger

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Compensation Committee: Dr. Baker (Chair), Dr. Fuchs and Mr. Lapointe

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Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee: Dr. Dougherty (Chair), Dr. Baker and Mr. Galbraith

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Scientific Committee: Dr. Fuchs (Chair), Dr. Dougherty and Dr. Neu

Galbraith said the new Board anticipates working constructively with the Company's management team to ensure that all critical programs and activities, especially the ongoing Phase III trials of Mozobil™, progress in a timely and appropriate manner while key strategic decisions are being reviewed. The Board will take steps to encourage

management performance, including through the design of compensation plans that align management actions with shareholders' interests. Where appropriate, the Board will supplement the management team with the required skills and expertise necessary to execute the Board's approved strategic direction.

The Board will conduct a complete review of all corporate governance procedures to ensure they are consistent with best practices and that their implementation is always in the best interests of all shareholders. Necessary adjustments to governance practices will be reported to shareholders prior to the next annual meeting. The new Board is committed to an ongoing evaluation of the need to evolve through the addition of requisite skills and expertise consistent with the growth of the Company.

AnorMED management and the new Board are completely aligned on the Company's tremendous potential and are committed to transforming that into shareholder value," said Abrams. "We look forward to working with the Board and drawing on its expertise.

"All AnorMED shareholders should understand that a new era is beginning at their Company. This Board and this management team can and will make whatever changes are necessary to create and deliver value," Galbraith said.

Felix Baker, a director of AnorMED and Managing Member of Baker Bros. Advisors, which had requisitioned the Special Meeting to elect the new Board, said, "We are gratified by the support provided by our fellow shareholders throughout this process. We are confident this new Board will bring significant long-term benefits to all shareholders.

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.

Note: Certain of the statements contained in this press release may contain forward-looking statements and forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable securities laws, including the Ontario Securities Act, Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Statements or information regarding corporate strategy, future operations, review of corporate governance practices, and objectives of management and the board of directors are forward-looking statements. The words "anticipates," "believes," "budgets," "could," "estimates," "expects," "forecasts," "intends," "may," "plans," "projects," "schedule," "should," "will," "would" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements or information, although not all forward-looking statements or information contain these identifying words. Plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in any forward-looking statements or information should not be read as guarantees of future results or events, and will not necessarily be accurate indications of whether or the times at or by which such results or events will be achieved. Forward-looking statements or information involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements or information. Investors are referred to the discussion of

such risks, uncertainties and other factors in AnorMED's Final Short Form Prospectus dated December 1, 2005 filed on SEDAR with Canadian securities regulatory authorities and in Exhibit 99.1 to AnorMED's Report on Form 6-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on December 23, 2005. Except as required by law, AnorMED expressly disclaims any intention and undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements or information as conditions change.

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