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This filing relates to the Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization, dated as of January 6, 2006, by and among Micromet, Inc. (Micromet Parent), Micromet AG (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Micromet Parent) (Micromet), CancerVax Corporation (CancerVax) and Carlsbad Acquisition Corporation (a wholly-owned subsidiary of CancerVax). The merger agreement was filed by CancerVax with the SEC on Form 8-K on January 9, 2006, and is incorporated by reference into this filing.

The following is the text of the investor conference call hosted jointly by CancerVax and Micromet on January 9, 2005 at 9 a.m. Eastern Standard Time:

EVENT: CONFERENCE CALL

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TITLE: CANCERVAX AND MICROMET ANNOUNCE MERGER AGREEMENT

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Operator: Good morning and welcome to the joint CancerVax Corporation / Micromet AG Conference Call.

At this time I would like to inform you that this conference is being recorded and that all participants are in a listen only mode. At the request of the company we will open the conference up for questions and answers after the presentation. Should you have any problems during the call, please press star 0 for the conference call operator.

William LaRue: Good morning. I'm Bill La Rue, Chief Financial Officer for CancerVax. Before we get started, I'd like to inform everyone that this conference call may include certain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause CancerVax's actual results to be materially different from

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If anyone has not seen the news announcing the merger release that was disseminated prior to this call, you can access it on CancerVax's web site at www.cancervax.com, or on Micromet's website at www.micromet.de. Additionally, this conference call will be archived on both Companies' web sites for future reference. CancerVax will be filing a report on Form 8-K with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission later today containing the Merger Agreement and other information regarding the proposed merger.

Now I would like to introduce CancerVax's President and CEO, David Hale.

David Hale:

Good morning and welcome. Thank you for joining our conference call to discuss our announcement earlier this morning of the signing of a definitive merger agreement with Micromet AG, one of the leading privately held European biopharmaceutical companies focused on the development of antibody-based drugs. With me here today is Dr. Christian Itin, President and

CEO of Micromet, who will join me in responding to your questions later in this teleconference.

From CancerVax's perspective, we believe that the proposed merger of CancerVax and Micromet is consistent with our objective of maximizing value for our stockholders, and will result in an organization with a highly differentiated, robust pipeline of drug candidates as well as significant experience in drug discovery and development. The merger is expected to create a transatlantic, NASDAQ-listed company focused on developing product candidates in oncology, autoimmune and inflammatory diseases.

The merged company will have a substantial, antibody-based product pipeline, with two product candidates in clinical development in three major cancer indications and several preclinical and research-stage product candidates. Christian Itin will discuss Micromet's product candidates, and describe its drug discovery platform later in this teleconference.

I'd now like to spend a moment on some of the details of the **merger transaction** announced today, and the proposed management and organization of the company following the merger.

Under the terms of the merger agreement, CancerVax will issue shares of CancerVax stock such that Micromet stockholders will own approximately 67.5 percent of the combined company, on a pro forma basis, and CancerVax stockholders will own approximately 32.5 percent. We currently anticipate that, on a pro forma basis, cash, cash equivalents and securities available-for-sale for the combined Companies as of December 31, 2005 will be between \$57 million and \$60 million. The merger agreement has been approved by both Boards of Directors and will need to be approved by each company's stockholders. CancerVax expects to file a Form S-4 and related proxy statement and prospectus with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and any other necessary government filings in the coming weeks. Depending on the review process of the agencies, we would expect the respective stockholder votes to occur in the second quarter of 2006. Upon closing the transaction, the Company's shares are expected to continue to trade on the NASDAQ National Market. CancerVax will be renamed as Micromet, Inc., and application will be made to NASDAQ to change the ticker symbol to MITI .

Following the closing of the merger, the combined Company's U.S. headquarters will be in Carlsbad, CA, while the Company's German headquarters will remain in Munich, Germany. Research and development activities will be consolidated in Munich.

I will become Chairman of the Board of Directors of the merged company, and Dr. Itin will become President and CEO and serve on the Board of Directors.

The combined company's Board of Directors will consist of five of Micromet's current directors, in addition to Dr. Itin, including:

Dr. Michael G. Carter, former Commercial Director of Zeneca, who is also a current Director of CancerVax;

Jerry Benjamin, Advent Venture Partners, London

Otello Stampacchia, Omega Fund, Geneva

John Berriman.

In addition to me, two other CancerVax directors will be on the Board:

Phillip M. Schneider, former CFO of Idec Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; and

Barclay Phillips, Managing Director of Vector Fund Management.

We anticipate that a ninth Director will be named prior to the closing of the transaction.

I would now like to ask Christian Itin to take a few moments to discuss the merged company's proposed management structure, product candidates and drug discovery platform.

Christian
Itin:

Thank you, David.

Following the merger, we anticipate that the other key members of our management team will include: Patrick Baeuerle, Ph.D., who is currently Chief Scientific Officer of Micromet, will become CSO of the combined entity.

CancerVax's Chief Financial Officer, William R. LaRue, will serve as CFO of the merged company.

Gregor Mirow, MD, MBA, Micromet's Chief Financial and Chief Operating Officer, will be COO.

Hazel M. Aker, JD, CancerVax's General Counsel, will continue to serve as General Counsel.

Carsten Reinhardt, MD, PhD - Micromet's Chief Medical Officer, will remain in this position, and

Jens Hennecke, PhD, currently head of Business Development, for Micromet, will be responsible for Business Development for the merged company.

We anticipate that the merged company's product portfolio will reflect a combination of product candidates currently under development by both companies.

Micromet's leading product candidate, **MT201**, or Adecatumumab, is a recombinant human monoclonal antibody of the IgG1 subclass with a binding specificity to epithelial cell adhesion molecule, or Ep-CAM. Ep-CAM is over-expressed with high frequency on most solid tumor types, including prostate, breast, colon, gastric, ovarian and lung cancer. MT201 is currently being evaluated in Phase 2 clinical trials in patients with metastatic breast cancer and prostate cancer. MT201 is also being evaluated as a combination therapy with Taxotere[®], or docetaxel, in a Phase 1 clinical trial in patients with metastatic breast cancer. MT201 is the subject of an exclusive worldwide collaboration and license agreement between Micromet and Serono. Under this agreement, Micromet received an initial license fee of US\$10 million and may receive additional milestone payments of up to US\$138 million if the product is successfully developed and registered worldwide in three or more indications. In addition, Micromet may receive undisclosed royalties based on net sales of the product. Under certain terms and conditions, Micromet may elect to share in the development and commercialization of the product in the U.S. and E.U. in exchange for a share of profits.

Micromet's other leading product candidate, **MT103**, is currently being studied in a Phase 1 clinical trial being conducted in Europe. MT103 represents a new class of therapeutics that may be capable of instructing the patient's own T cells to repeatedly eliminate tumor cells. This technology is called BiTE[™], which is an abbreviation for bi-specific T cell engager. MT103 binds to CD19 on B cells, a cell surface antigen, and to CD3 on T cells.

Micromet is currently developing MT103 with MedImmune, Inc. Under the terms of its agreement with MedImmune, Micromet would receive milestone payments based on the successful development, filing, registration and marketing of MT103, as well as royalties on MedImmune's North American sales of the product. Micromet retained all rights to the product candidate outside of North America.

Micromet has a number of other product candidates that are in pre-clinical development, such as MT110, another BiTE[™] molecule, which is being evaluated as a potential treatment for solid tumors, and MT203, a human antibody, which may be used to treat patients with inflammatory diseases.

In addition, CancerVax is currently developing **D93**, a humanized, monoclonal antibody being studied for the treatment of solid tumors. D93 has been shown to selectively bind to denatured or remodeled protein in diseased or damaged tissues, but not to native collagen in the extra-cellular

matrix of healthy tissue. In xenogeneic mouse models, D93 has demonstrated the ability to selectively bind to denatured collagen targets in colon, melanoma, lung, and breast cancer tumors grown in xenogeneic mouse models. CancerVax expects to submit an investigational new drug application for D93 to the FDA in the first quarter of 2006, and plans to initiate the first clinical trial for D93 later in 2006.

We believe that, in addition to these product candidates, which are in or nearing the clinical phase, the combined Company will also benefit from Micromet's proprietary technology base, from which additional antibody-based product candidates may be developed.

One of the key elements of this technology base is Micromet's **BiTE technology**, which represents a novel therapeutic modality with the potential to develop antibody-based products to improve the treatment of diseases that currently lack satisfactory treatment options that are resistant or refractory to standard therapies. BiTE molecules constitute a novel class of bi-specific antibodies that appear to be unique in their ability to activate the body's killer T cells against target cells.

In addition, under an agreement with Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Micromet is the exclusive licensor of the two companies' combined intellectual property estate in the field of **single-chain antibody technology**. Single-chain antibodies, which are used in the construction of BiTE product candidates, have demonstrated potential as therapeutics, diagnostics and as research tools. Current licensees of this technology portfolio include Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Alligator Bioscience, Amersham Pharmacia, Arizeke Pharmaceuticals, Baxter Healthcare Corporation, BioInvent International AB, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Cambridge Antibody Technology, UCB Pharma, Crucell, EvoGenix, ESBATech, Invitrogen, MorphoSys, Merck & Co, Neoprobe Corporation and Xoma Corporation. Most of these licensees are currently using the technology for research purposes only.

I would now like to spend just a few moments to outline some of the **key milestones we anticipate for the merged company in 2006.**

The merged Company will focus its resources on accelerating the development of its clinical-stage product development programs and leveraging its strong R&D base and pipeline-generating capabilities. Anticipated milestones for the merged Company in 2006 include:

Closing the merger transaction in the second quarter;

Phase 2 clinical trial results for MT201 in patients with metastatic breast cancer and in patients with prostate cancer;

Phase 1 results for MT103 in the treatment of patients with NHL;

Filing of an investigational new drug application in the first quarter to initiate clinical trials with D93; and

Continuing to pursue partnering opportunities.

David Hale: Thank you, Christian.

In closing, we believe that the proposed transaction offers some real positives to stockholders of both companies. For CancerVax shareholders, we believe that the merger will provide an opportunity to benefit from Micromet's substantial scientific and clinical expertise and its very promising product pipeline of novel, antibody-derived therapeutic product candidates for the treatment of cancer and autoimmune and inflammatory diseases. From Micromet's perspective, CancerVax is contributing a US infrastructure that includes an experienced U.S. CFO and General Counsel, cash, its NASDAQ listing, and selected ongoing product development programs.

I will now ask our operator to open the call up to questions from the participants.

Operator: Thank you Mr. Hale. The question and answer session will begin at this time. If you are using a speakerphone, please pick up the handset before pressing any numbers. Should you have a question, please press star and the number 1 on your pushbutton telephone. If you wish to withdraw your question, please press star and the number 2.

Your questions will be taken in the order they are received. Please stand by for your first question, Mr. Hale.

Your first question comes from Brian Rye with Janney Montgomery.

Brian Rye: Well, good morning, David, and congratulations on the transaction.

David Hale: Thank you, Brian. Happy New Year.

Brian Rye: Happy New Year to you all. And just a couple of quick questions. First of all, I was wondering if you could talk about, I guess, SAI-EGF. I didn't see it listed in the pipeline of products that the combined entity is going to pursue, so I'm wondering if you have any specific divestiture plans or other, I guess, other plans for not only that product, but also the other two that you acquired through the transaction with CIMAB in Cuba. And then secondly, just I guess more for Bill, I wanted to make sure I've got the numbers right in terms of the new share counts. I think you all ended September or around November with around 28 million shares outstanding, which would imply, if you're issuing new shares, around 58 million new shares to the Micromet shareholders, for about an 86 million post-deal share count. And I just wanted to see if my math was correct there.

David Hale: Okay, let me respond to your first question, Brian. As we indicated in the presentation this morning, Micromet and CancerVax plan to focus on the development, both clinically and in research and development, of antibody-based drugs. Based on that decision and the expertise that we have in the company, our plans are to seek to license the product candidates that we have licensed from CIMAB. So we will be evaluating licensing opportunities for those products over the next several months. And let me ask Bill to give to you the answer to the

second question.

William LaRue: Yes, Brian, that's correct. We have 27.9 million-ish in terms of outstanding shares. And so that would equate to about, you know, 85 million shares in total.

Brian Rye: Good, guys, thank you very much.

Operator: Your next question is from Joe Pantginis with Canaccord Adams.

Joseph Pantginis: Hi, guys. Congratulations. Can you provide any further guidance as to where the Phase 2 data from MT201 will be presented? I am looking, is this an ASCO event? And obviously the same question could apply to the MT103 results. Thanks.

David Hale: I am going to ask Christian to answer that question.

Christian Itin: Well, good morning. As you know, both of those programs are in partnerships: MT201 with Serono; the other one, MT103, with MedImmune. We have not given any guidance on the actual time point this year when we will communicate data.

Operator: Your next question comes from Jim Birchenough with Lehman Brothers.

James Birchenough: Hi, guys. And let me add my congratulations on the deal. Just wondering, on MT201, if we could just get a bit of detail on the economics between yourselves and Serono in terms of both milestone payments that might be expected and any profit-splitting or royalty arrangements.

David Hale: Let me let Christian answer that.

Christian Itin: Obviously I'm happy to do that. As you've seen in the press release, I think we have consistently communicated the milestone payment that we had with regards to the actual signing of the agreement, which was \$10 million U.S. We also did indicate the aggregate of all milestones for all indications, which is 138 million if the product is approved in three indications worldwide. We haven't given any guidance with regards to a range of royalties that could be expected. And we also haven't given any guidance with regards to potential profit split arrangements if we elect to continue to invest in the program later on.

James Birchenough: And just one other follow-up. Has there been any guidance in terms of when you would move into Phase 3 in metastatic breast cancer?

Christian Itin: We have not given any guidance to that. Again, it is a product that is in collaboration, and we will obviously do that jointly with our partner Serono at the appropriate time.

James Birchenough: Okay, great. Well, thanks for taking the questions.

Christian Itin: Thank you.

David Hale: Thanks, Jim.

Operator: Your next question comes from Patrick Dieckhoff with Viocomm AG.

Patrick Dieckhoff: Hello, everybody, and congratulations on the deal. And so my question is for Christian Itin. Micromet was often discussed to be one of the IPO candidates of 2006 in Germany. What was the reason to choose a merger instead of going public here?

Christian Itin: That is a good question, and obviously one that, when we thought about the strategy for the company, we have been contemplating very strongly. We looked at all possible options for the company moving forward. Those included potential initial public offerings in Europe, either in Frankfurt or in Zurich. But we also looked obviously very strongly at ways to accelerate our development going forward. And we felt that what we wanted to do is really ensure that the company has access, good access to the U.S. market, both from a corporate perspective, but also from a financial perspective. And then, as always, I think it depends very much on the opportunities. And when we came across this particular opportunity, with the excellent team that David Hale has put together and the excellent track record of the company, we felt that this was the best way to move forward for our company, and that this was the appropriate step to take.

Patrick Dieckhoff: Okay, thank you. I have another question. The press release said that there are three programs to be out-licensed. What are the candidates?

David Hale: I will take that question. We have licensed three product candidates that target the EGF signaling pathway. These are SAI-EGF, SAI-TGF-alpha, and the extra-cellular domain of the receptor. And these products were licensed from CIMAB in Cuba. And as I indicated earlier, the company has determined that it will focus on antibody-based drugs. And therefore we have made the decision to seek an out-licensing opportunity for these product candidates.

Patrick Dieckhoff: Okay, thank you.

Operator: As a reminder, ladies and gentlemen, if you do have a question, please press *1 on your pushbutton telephone at this time.

Your next question comes from Bernd Goergen with DZ Bank.

Bernd Goergen: Hello, guys. Also congratulations from [indiscernible]. But I have a question regarding the cash reserves or new cash reserves mentioned in the press release. I wanted to know how much of the approximately 60 million are coming from CancerVax at the end of 2005.

William LaRue: We haven't, you know, broken out the difference between the two companies. CancerVax had 60 million in cash at the end of the third quarter. So a significant portion of that is from CancerVax. But we haven't specifically outlined that. When we file our 10K, you'll be able to make that determination.

Operator: At this time there are no further questions, so I will turn the conference back to Dr. Itin and Mr. Hale to conclude.

David Hale: Thank you very much. Christian?

Christian Itin:

I would like to take the opportunity to let you know that Micromet will be presenting tomorrow, Tuesday, January 10, at 3:30 Pacific time, at the J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference in San Francisco. I will look forward to seeing many of you at the conference this week, or at one of our other scheduled presentations in the coming weeks.

David Hale: I would also like to thank all of you again for participating in our conference call today. We also hope to see you, a number of you individually, over the next several weeks or, as Christian has indicated, at one of the scheduled presentations before our next conference call.

Thanks very much. This concludes our conference call for today. All parties may now disconnect. Thank you.

Operator: Ladies and gentlemen, we thank you for your participation, and have a great day.

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Additional Information about the Merger and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transaction described herein, CancerVax will file a registration statement that contains a proxy statement/prospectus with the SEC. **Investors and securityholders of CancerVax and Micromet are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus (including any amendments or supplements to the proxy statement/prospectus) regarding the proposed transaction when it becomes available because it will contain important information about CancerVax, Micromet and the proposed transaction.** CancerVax's stockholders will be able to obtain a free copy of the proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about CancerVax and Micromet, without charge, at the SEC's Internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). Copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and the filings with the SEC that will be incorporated by reference in the proxy statement/prospectus can also be obtained, without charge, by directing a request to CancerVax Corporation, 2110 Rutherford Road, Carlsbad, CA 92008, Attention: Investor Relations, Telephone: (760) 494-4200.

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CancerVax and its directors and executive officers and Micromet and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of CancerVax in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding the special interests of these directors and executive officers in the merger transaction will be included in the proxy statement/prospectus referred to above. Additional information regarding the directors and executive officers of CancerVax is also included in CancerVax's proxy statement for its 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 28, 2005. This document is available free of charge at the SEC's web site (<http://www.sec.gov>) and from Investor Relations at CancerVax at the address described above.