

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORP
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 CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

INTERIM REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

To the Stockholders of

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION:

Financial data for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 prepared by management without audit by our independent registered public accounting firm and other pertinent information are submitted herewith.

Comparative market values of net assets are as follows:

	Sept. 30, 2009	June 30, 2009	Dec. 31, 2008
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Net assets.....	\$476,599,083	\$429,428,422	\$397,353,000
Net assets per share of Common Stock.....	21.39	19.27	17.39
Shares of Common Stock outstanding.....	22,276,713	22,282,413	22,331,800

Comparative operating results are as follows:

	Nine months ended September 30	
	2009	2008
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Net investment income.....	\$ 6,624,597	\$ 5,421,102
Per share of Common Stock.....	.30*	.25
Net realized gain on sale of investments.....	6,408,852	43,796,489
Increase (decrease) in net unrealized appreciation of investments	69,124,343	(111,179,937)
Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations.....	82,157,792	(61,962,346)

 * Per-share data are based on the average number of Common shares outstanding during the nine-month period.

In the quarter ended September 30, 2009 the Corporation repurchased 5,700 shares of its Common Stock at an average price of \$16.04. The Corporation may from time to time purchase Common Stock in such amounts and at such prices as

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the Board of Directors may deem advisable in the best interests of stockholders. Purchases may be made on NYSE Amex, or in private transactions directly with stockholders.

On another note, I wish to report that after serving for over twenty-five years, Dudley Johnson has stepped down from the Board in order to focus on his company and his foundation. Central has benefited greatly from Dudley's clear thinking, financial insight and business acumen. We will miss his thoughtful advice. He remains a valued friend.

Stockholders' inquiries are welcome.

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

WILMOT H. KIDD, President

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October 14, 2009

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PRINCIPAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES*
July 1 to September 30, 2009
(Common Stock unless specified otherwise)
(unaudited)

	Number of Shares		
	Purchased	Sold	Held September 30, 2009
Abbott Laboratories.....	10,000		120,000
Brady Corporation.....		100,000	770,000
Coherent, Inc.....	1,000		831,000
Intel Corporation.....		90,000	710,000
Murphy Oil Corporation.....		45,700	300,000
Nexen Inc.....		40,000	200,000
Walgreen Co.....	30,000		230,000
Xerox Corporation.....	30,000		960,000

* Excludes "Miscellaneous -- Other Investments."

TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS
(unaudited)

	September 30, 2009		% of Net Assets	Year First Acquired
	Cost	Value		
	(millions)			
The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc.....	\$ 2.2	\$140.0	29.4%	1982
Agilent Technologies, Inc.....	21.9	25.6	5.4	2005
Brady Corporation.....	2.3	22.1	4.6	1984

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The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation.....	12.2	19.6	4.1	1993
Coherent, Inc.....	22.9	19.4	4.1	2007
Murphy Oil Corporation.....	1.1	17.3	3.6	1974
Convergys Corporation.....	24.8	16.9	3.5	1998
Dover Corporation.....	13.0	15.5	3.3	2003
Intel Corporation.....	0.3	13.9	2.9	1986
Devon Energy Corporation.....	14.9	13.5	2.8	2007

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