

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORP
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CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

INTERIM REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

AS OF MARCH 31, 2015

To the Stockholders of

Central Securities Corporation:

Financial data for the quarter ended March 31, 2015 and other pertinent information prepared by management without audit by independent auditors are submitted herewith.

Comparative net assets are as follows:

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| Mar. 31, 2015 | Dec. 31, 2014 | Mar. 31, 2014 | Net assets | \$641,613,033 | \$649,760,644 | \$649,683,694 | Net assets per share of Common Stock | \$26.06 | \$26.18 | \$26.94 | Shares of Common Stock outstanding | 24,619,118 | 24,819,241 | 24,117,323 |
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Comparative operating results are as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|------|------|--|------------|-----------|--|--------------|-------------|---|-------------|-----------|
| Three months ended March 31, 2015 | 2014 | Net investment income | \$732,053 | \$511,468 | Per share of Common Stock | .03* | .02* | Net realized gain on sale of investments | 35,750,693 | 4,268,848 | Decrease in net unrealized appreciation of investments | (40,290,084) | (1,379,245) | Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | (3,807,338) | 3,401,071 |
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* Per-share data are based on the average number of Common shares outstanding during the three-month period.

We are pleased to report that at the Corporation's annual meeting on March 18, 2015, the stockholders elected seven directors and ratified the selection of KPMG LLP as auditors of the Corporation for the year 2015. A stockholder proposal requesting that the Board of Directors consider liquidation of the Corporation was not approved. At the Board of Directors meeting on the same day, L. Price Blackford was elected Lead Independent Director of the Board.

In the quarter ended March 31, 2015, the Corporation repurchased 203,123 shares of its Common Stock at an average price of \$21.70 per share. The Corporation may from time to time purchase Common Stock in such amounts and at such prices as the Board of Directors may deem advisable in the best interests of stockholders. Purchases may be made on the NYSE MKT or in private transactions directly with stockholders.

Stockholders' inquiries are welcome.

Central Securities Corporation

Wilmot H. Kidd, *President*

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New York, NY 10111
April 22, 2015

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PRINCIPAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

January 1 to March 31, 2015

(Common Stock unless specified otherwise)

(unaudited)

Number of Shares Held

March 31,

2015 Purchased Sold Agilent Technologies, Inc. 480,000 — Alleghany Corporation 11,000 21,000 American Express Company 40,000 40,000 Analog Devices, Inc. 160,000 400,000 Capital One Financial Corporation 50,000 290,000 Citizens Financial Group, Inc. 50,000 50,000 Clean Harbors, Inc. 150,000 — Discovery Communications, Inc. 50,000 — eBay Inc. 220,000 — General Electric Company 50,000 200,000 GeoMet, Inc. Series A Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock 10,749(a) 354,743 Intel Corporation 250,000 1,450,000 Precision Castparts Corporation 45,000 45,000 Rayonier Inc. 152,700 580,000 Sonus Networks, Inc. 2,400,000(b) 600,000 Walgreen Boots Alliance, Inc. 240,000 —

(a) Received as a dividend.

(b) Reverse stock split (1-for-5).

TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS

March 31, 2015

(unaudited)

Percent of
Net Assets Year First

Acquired Cost Value (millions) The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. \$0.9 \$132.5 20.7% 1982 Intel Corporation 22.9 45.3 7.1 1986 Coherent, Inc 17.5 42.7 6.7 2007 Analog Devices, Inc. 3.0 25.2 3.9 1987 The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation 16.1 25.2 3.9 1993 Capital One Financial Corporation 16.9 22.9 3.6 2013 Brady Corporation 6.0 22.3 3.5 1984 Citigroup Inc. 19.7 20.6 3.2 2013 Motorola Solutions, Inc. 14.3 20.0 3.1 2000 Rayonier Inc. 18.9 15.6 2.4 2014

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wilmot H. Kidd, Chairman
L. Price Blackford, Lead Independent Director
Simms C. Browning
Donald G. Calder
David C. Colander
Jay R. Inglis
C. Carter Walker, Jr.

OFFICERS

Wilmot H. Kidd, President
Marlene A. Krumholz, Vice President and Secretary
Andrew J. O'Neill, Vice President
Lawrence P. Vogel, Vice President and Treasurer

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