

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORP
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CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

INTERIM REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

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To the Stockholders of

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION:

Financial data for the quarter ended September 30, 2005 prepared by management without audit by independent auditors and other pertinent information are submitted herewith.

Comparative market values of net assets are as follows:

| | Sept. 30, 2005 | June 30, 2005 | Dec. 31, 2004 |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Net assets | \$576,016,570 | \$567,123,767 | \$529,468,600 |
| Net assets per share of Common Stock | 28.91 | 28.40 | 26.40 |
| Shares of Common Stock outstanding | 19,924,209 | 19,966,909 | 20,023,200 |

Comparative operating results are as follows:

| | Nine months ended September 30 | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | ---- | ---- |
| Net investment income | \$ 5,218,175 | \$ 2,139,984 |
| Per share of Common Stock | .26* | .11 |
| Net realized gain on sale of investments | 33,854,099 | 21,786,174 |
| Increase in net unrealized appreciation of investments | 13,866,084 | 10,135,449 |
| Increase in net assets resulting from operations | 52,938,358 | 34,061,607 |

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

In the quarter ended September 30, 2005 the Corporation repurchased 42,700 shares of its Common Stock at an average price of \$25.42. The Corporation may

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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 American Stock Exchange or in transactions directly with stockholders.

Stockholders' inquiries are welcome.

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

WILMOT H. KIDD, President

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PRINCIPAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES
July 1 to September 30, 2005
(Common Stock unless specified otherwise)

| | Number of Shares | | Held September 30, 2005 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| | Purchased | Sold | |
| aQuantive, Inc | | 10,000 | -- |
| Chevron Corporation | 234,328 (a) | | 234,328 |
| Cincinnati Bell Inc. | | 100,000 | 800,000 |
| Convergys Corporation | | 180,000 | 1,550,000 |
| Fifth Third Bancorp | | 300,000 | -- |
| PolyOne Corporation | | 75,000 | 1,200,000 |
| Roper Industries, Inc. | 205,000 (b) | | 410,000 |
| Solectron Corporation | 500,000 | 500,000 | 2,000,000 |
| The TriZetto Group, Inc. | | 217,600 | 1,025,400 |
| Unisys Corporation | | 100,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Vical Incorporated | | 10,000 | 140,000 |
| Virage Logic Corp. | 20,100 | | 20,100 |

(a) Received shares and cash in exchange for 400,000 shares of Unocal Corporation.

(b) Stock split.

TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS

| | September 30, 2005 | | | Year First Acquired |
|---|--------------------|---------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | Cost | Value | % of Net Assets | |
| | (millions) | | | |
| The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. | \$ 2.2 | \$108.5 | 18.8% | 1982 |
| Murphy Oil Corporation | 3.7 | 29.9 | 5.2 | 1974 |
| Brady Corporation | 1.9 | 26.9 | 4.7 | 1984 |
| Capital One Financial Corporation | 1.5 | 24.7 | 4.3 | 1994 |

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|--------------------------------|------|------|-----|------|
| Intel Corporation | 0.4 | 24.2 | 4.2 | 1986 |
| Convergys Corporation | 24.1 | 22.3 | 3.9 | 1998 |
| Agilent Technologies Inc. | 13.4 | 19.7 | 3.4 | 2005 |
| Roper Industries, Inc. | 9.0 | 16.1 | 2.8 | 2003 |
| Analog Devices, Inc. | 0.5 | 16.0 | 2.8 | 1987 |
| TransMontaigne Inc. | 14.4 | 15.4 | 2.7 | 2005 |

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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