

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORP
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CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

INTERIM REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

To the Stockholders of

Central Securities Corporation:

Financial data for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 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, 2012 | June 30, 2012 | Dec. 31, 2011 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Net assets | \$ 563,626,054 | \$ 556,492,365 | \$ 574,187,941 |
| Net assets per share of Common Stock | 24.60 | 24.29 | 24.96 |
| Shares of Common Stock outstanding | 22,910,136 | 22,910,136 | 23,005,136 |

Comparative operating results are as follows:

| | Nine months ended September 30, | |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net investment income | \$ 6,496,263 | \$ 9,731,428 |
| Per share of Common Stock | .28 | * .43 |
| Net realized gain on sale of investments | 6,513,396 | 12,316,242 |
| Decrease in net unrealized appreciation of investments | (17,011,536) | (70,678,733) |
| Decrease in net assets resulting from operations | (4,001,877) | (48,631,063) |

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

In the quarter ended September 30, 2012 the Corporation did not repurchase any shares of its Common Stock. The Corporation may from time to time purchase its Common Stock in such amounts and at such prices as the Board of Directors deems 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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October 3, 2012

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PRINCIPAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

July 1 to September 30, 2012

(Common Stock unless specified otherwise)

(unaudited)

| | Number of Shares | | Held September 30, 2012 |
|---|------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| | Purchased | Sold | |
| Analog Devices, Inc. | | 110,000 | 600,000 |
| Convergys Corporation | | 281,457 | 1,368,543 |
| GeoMet, Inc. Series A Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock | 7,902 | (a) | 260,785 |
| Roper Industries, Inc. | | 5,000 | 145,000 |

(a) Received as a dividend.

TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS

September 30, 2012

(unaudited)

| | Cost | Value | Percent of Net Assets | Year First Acquired |
|---|------------|----------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| | (millions) | | | |
| The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. | \$ 2.2 | \$ 167.5 | 29.7 % | 1982 |
| Coherent, Inc. | 22.0 | 36.7 | 6.5 | 2007 |
| Intel Corporation | 16.3 | 33.8 | 6.0 | 1986 |
| Analog Devices, Inc. | 8.8 | 23.5 | 4.2 | 1987 |
| Agilent Technologies, Inc. | 12.6 | 22.7 | 4.0 | 2005 |
| Brady Corporation | 2.0 | 21.7 | 3.8 | 1984 |
| Convergys Corporation | 20.0 | 21.4 | 3.8 | 1998 |
| The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation | 18.3 | 20.9 | 3.7 | 1993 |
| Precision Castparts Corporation | 10.0 | 16.3 | 2.9 | 2008 |
| Roper Industries, Inc. | 2.7 | 15.9 | 2.8 | 2003 |

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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David C. Colander
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