

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORP  
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CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

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INTERIM REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

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*To the Stockholders of*

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION:

Financial data for the quarter ended September 30, 2011 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, 2011	June 30, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010
Net assets	\$ 540,337,227	\$ 641,132,925	\$ 593,524,167
Net assets per share of Common Stock	23.72	28.15	26.06
Shares of Common Stock outstanding	22,779,391	22,779,391	22,779,391

Comparative operating results are as follows:

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2011	2010
Net investment income	\$ 9,731,428	\$ 10,670,906
Per share of Common Stock	.43*	.47*
Net realized gain on sale of investments	12,316,242	6,390,807
Increase (decrease) in net unrealized appreciation of investments	(70,678,733)	34,486,965
Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(48,631,063)	51,548,678

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

In the quarter ended September 30, 2011 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 Amex, or in private 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, 2011  
(Common Stock unless specified otherwise)  
(unaudited)

	Number of Shares		Held September 30, 2011
	Purchased	Sold	
Abbott Laboratories		120,000	—
Agilent Technologies, Inc.		20,000	700,000
Analog Devices, Inc.	50,000		720,000
AT & T Inc.		200,000	—
The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation	250,000		925,000
Carlisle Companies Inc.		10,000	220,000
GeoMet, Inc. Series A Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock	6,987	(a)	230,585
McMoRan Exploration Co.		22,800	627,200
Merck & Co., Inc.	100,000		100,000
Mindspeed Technologies, Inc.	150,000		1,050,000
Motorola Mobility Holdings, Inc.		62,500	—
NewStar Financial, Inc.		30,000	223,794
QEP Resources, Inc.	59,500		320,000
Vical Inc.		32,000	228,000

(a) Received as a dividend.

TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS  
September 30, 2011  
(unaudited)

	Cost	Value	Percent of Net Assets	Year First Acquired
	(millions)			
The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc.	\$ 2.2	\$174.8	32.3 %	1982
Coherent, Inc.	22.0	34.4	6.4	2007
Intel Corporation	16.3	32.0	5.9	1986
Analog Devices, Inc.	10.9	22.5	4.2	1987
Agilent Technologies, Inc.	15.4	21.9	4.0	2005
CEVA, Inc.	9.3	20.9	3.9	2009
Brady Corporation	2.0	19.6	3.6	1984
The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation	18.3	17.2	3.2	1993
Convergys Corporation	24.8	15.9	3.0	1998
Precision Castparts Corporation	10.0	15.5	2.9	2008

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