

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORP
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CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

INTERIM REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

To the Stockholders of

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION:

Financial data for the quarter ended September 30, 2016 prepared by management without audit by our independent registered public accounting firm and other pertinent information are submitted herewith.

Comparative net assets are as follows:

| | Sept. 30, 2016 | June 30, 2016 | Dec. 31, 2015 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Net assets | \$640,022,719 | \$596,106,152 | \$582,870,527 |
| Net assets per share of Common Stock | \$26.13 | \$24.32 | \$23.53 |
| Shares of Common Stock outstanding | 24,498,151 | 24,506,651 | 24,770,073 |

Comparative operating results are as follows:

| | Nine months ended September 30, | |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Net investment income | \$4,642,431 | \$3,746,422 |
| Per share of Common Stock | .19 | * .15 |
| Net realized gain on sale of investments | 14,785,997 | 43,034,547 |
| Increase (decrease) in net unrealized appreciation of investments | 47,655,206 | (92,715,258) |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | 67,083,634 | (45,934,289) |

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

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Corporation purchased 274,922 shares of its Common Stock at an average price of \$18.49 per share. 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 in the open market or in private transactions directly with stockholders.

Stockholders' inquiries are welcome.

Central Securities Corporation

Wilmot H. Kidd, *President*

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October 19, 2016

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PRINCIPAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

July 1 to September 30, 2016

(Common Stock unless specified otherwise)

(unaudited)

| | Number of Shares | |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| | Purchased | Sold |
| | | Held |
| | | September 30, |
| | | 2016 |
| Analog Devices, Inc. | 50,000 | 450,000 |
| The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation | 200,000 | 400,000 |
| Brady Corporation | 100,000 | 500,000 |
| California Resources Corporation | 1,170 | — |
| Coherent, Inc. | 25,000 | 425,000 |
| Intel Corporation | 110,000 | 880,000 |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co. | 30,000 | 200,000 |
| Liberty Global plc Class C | 20,000 | 200,000 |
| Liberty Global plc LiLAC Class C | 70,000 | 170,000 |
| Texas Instruments Inc. | 20,000 | — |
| Wells Fargo & Company | 200,000 | 200,000 |

TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS

September 30, 2016

(unaudited)

| | Cost | Value | Percent of Net Assets | Year First Acquired |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | (millions) | | | |
| The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. | \$0.7 | \$119.4 | 18.7% | 1982 |
| Coherent, Inc. | 10.7 | 47.0 | 7.3 | 2007 |
| Intel Corporation | 8.4 | 33.2 | 5.2 | 1986 |
| Analog Devices, Inc. | 6.2 | 29.0 | 4.5 | 1987 |
| Motorola Solutions, Inc. | 14.1 | 22.9 | 3.6 | 2000 |
| Capital One Financial Corporation | 16.9 | 20.8 | 3.3 | 2013 |
| Medtronic plc | 16.2 | 19.0 | 3.0 | 2009 |
| Citigroup Inc. | 19.7 | 18.9 | 3.0 | 2013 |
| Rayonier Inc. | 21.1 | 18.6 | 2.9 | 2014 |
| Brady Corporation | 1.0 | 17.3 | 2.7 | 1984 |

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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