

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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PRINCIPAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

July 1 to September 30, 2016

(Common Stock unless specified otherwise)

(unaudited)

	Number of Shares		Held September 30, 2016
	Purchased	Sold	
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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