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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSRS

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act File Number 811-179

Name of registrant as specified in charter: Central Securities Corporation

Address of principal executive offices: 630 Fifth Avenue
Suite 820
New York, New York 10111

Name and address of agent for service: Central Securities Corporation, Wilmot H. Kidd, President 630 Fifth Avenue Suite 820 New York, New York 10111

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-698-2020

Date of fiscal year end: December 31, 2006

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2006

Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT JUNE 30, 2006

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

(Organized on October 1, 1929 as an investment company, registered as such with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940.)

TEN YEAR HISTORICAL DATA

Per Share of Common Stock

| Year | Total net assets | Convertible Preference Stock(A) | Net asset value | Net investment income(B) | | Distribu- tions(C) | Net realize investment gain |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1995 | \$292 , 547 , 559 | \$ 9,488,350 | \$21.74 | | | | |
| 1996 | 356,685,785 | 9,102,050 | 25.64 | \$.27 | \$.28 | \$1.37 | \$ 18,154,13 |
| 1997 | 434,423,053 | 9,040,850 | 29.97 | .24 | .34 | 2.08 | 30,133,12 |
| 1998 | 476,463,575 | 8,986,125 | 31.43 | .29 | .29 | 1.65 | 22,908,09 |
| 1999 | 590,655,679 | | 35.05 | .26 | .26 | 2.34 | 43,205,44 |
| 2000 | 596,289,086 | | 32.94 | .32 | .32 | 4.03 | 65,921,67 |
| 2001 | 539,839,060 | | 28.54 | .18 | .22 | 1.58* | 13,662,61 |
| 2002 | 361,942,568 | | 18.72 | .14 | .14 | 1.11 | 22,869,27 |
| 2003 | 478,959,218 | | 24.32 | .09 | .11 | 1.29 | 24,761,31 |
| 2004 | 529,468,675 | | 26.44 | .11 | .11 | 1.21 | 25,103,15 |
| 2005 | 573,979,905 | | 27.65 | .28 | .28 | 1.72 | 31,669,41 |
| Six mos. t June 30, | 0 | | | | | | |
| • | 600,191,449 | | 29.69 | .29 | .16 | .04 | 17,949,63 |

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The Common Stock is listed on the American Stock Exchange. On June 30, 2006 the market quotations were as follows:

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To the Stockholders of Central Securities Corporation:

Financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2006 reviewed by our independent registered public accounting firm and other pertinent information are submitted herewith.

Comparative net assets are as follows:

| | June 30, | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2006 | December 31, |
| | (Unaudited) | 2005 |
| | | |
| Net assets | \$600,191,449 | \$573,979,905 |
| Net assets per share of Common Stock | 29.69 | 27.65 |
| Shares of Common Stock outstanding | 20,215,359 | 20,762,159 |

A- At liquidation preference.

B- Excluding gains or losses realized on sale of investments and the dividend requirement on the Convertible Preference Stock which was redeemed on August 1, 1999.

C- Computed on the basis of the Corporation's status as a "regulated investment company" for Federal income tax purposes. Dividends are from undistributed net investment income. Distributions are from long-term investment gains.

^{*} Includes a non-taxable return of capital of \$.55.

^{**} Unaudited.

Comparative operating results are as follows:

| | Six months e | nded June 30, |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2006 (Unaudited) | 2005 (Unaudited) |
| Net investment income | \$ 5,975,548 | \$ 4,385,014 |
| Per share of Common Stock | .29* | .22* |
| Net realized gain on sale of investments | 17,949,636 | 33,035,041 |
| Increase in netunrealized | | |
| appreciation of investments | 19,834,895 | 5,539,894 |
| Increase in netassets resulting from operations | 43,760,079 | 42,959,949 |

^{*} Per-share data are based on the average number of Common shares outstanding.

A dividend of \$.20 per share of Common Stock was paid on June 23, 2006. Stockholders will be sent a notice concerning the taxability of all 2006 distributions in January 2007.

During the first six months of 2006 the Corporation repurchased 546,800 shares of its Common Stock at an average price per share of \$24.69. The Corporation may 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

630 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10111 July 25, 2006

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TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS June30, 2006 (Unaudited)

| | Cost | Value |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------------|
| | | (millions) |
| The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc | \$ 2.2 | \$119.0 |
| Brady Corporation | 3.5 | 33.5 |
| Murphy Oil Corporation | 3.7 | 33.5 |
| Convergys Corporation | 24.1 | 30.2 |
| The Bank of New York Company, Inc | 15.5 | 28.2 |
| Kerr-McGee Corporation | 11.7 | 27.7 |
| Capital One Financial Corporation | 1.4 | 25.6 |

| Agilent Technologies, Inc | 19.6 | 25.2 |
|---------------------------|------|------|
| Dover Corporation | 13.0 | 19.8 |
| Roper Industries, Inc | 9.0 | 19.2 |

PRINCIPAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES April 1 to June 30, 2006 (Unaudited)

(Common Stock unless specified otherwise)

Number of Shares

| | Purchased | Sold | Held June 30, 2006 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Agilent Technologies, Inc | 50,000 | | 800,000 |
| Arbinet-thexchange, Inc | 540,100 | | 900,000 |
| Brady Corporation | | 10,000 | 910,000 |
| Ceridian Corporation | 21,600 | | 400,200 |
| Hewitt Associates, Inc | 100,000 | | 100,000 |
| IMS Health, Inc | 320,000 | | 320,000 |
| Kerr-McGee Corporation | 200,000 (a) | | 400,000 |
| McMoRan Exploration Co | 20,200 | | 520,200 |
| Merck & Co., Inc | | 100,000 | |
| Neoware, Inc | 350,000 | | 350,000 |
| Pfizer Inc | | 100,000 | |
| PolyOne Corporation | | 350,000 | 620,000 |
| TransMontaigne Inc | | 125,000 | 1,100,000 |
| Tyco International Ltd | 200,000 | | 200,000 |
| White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd | 2,000 | | 2,000 |

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DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS June 30, 2006 (Unaudited)

| | Issues | Value | Со |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------------|------------------|
| | | | |
| Common Stocks: | | | |
| Insurance | 3 | \$120,494,000 | \$ 3 , 63 |
| Energy | 6 | 106,331,316 | 49 , 87 |
| Electronics | 8 | 82,979,900 | 41,29 |
| Manufacturing | 4 | 77,963,900 | 30 , 82 |
| Banking and Finance | 2 | 53,810,000 | 16,88 |
| Business Services | 4 | 50,845,888 | 43,77 |
| Information Technology Services | 3 | 25,119,166 | 19 , 68 |
| Chemicals | 4 | 17,395,720 | 8 , 55 |
| Health Care | 3 | 14,573,700 | 14,69 |
| Other | 3 | 7,961,530 | 6,04 |

⁽a) Stock split.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

| | Jı | ix Mos. End une 30, 200 (Unaudited) | 6 | 2005 | 2004 | |
|--|----|---|----|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Per Share Operating Performance Net asset value, beginning of period Net investment income* Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on securities* | | 27.65 .29 | | 26.44 .28 2.93 | .11 | \$ |
| Total from investment operations Less: Dividends from net investment income** Distributions from capital gains** Return of capital** | | 2.24 | | 3.21 .28 1.72 | 3.44 .11 1.21 | |
| Total distributions | | .20 | | 2.00 | 1.32 | |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ | 29.69 | \$ | 27.65 | \$ 26.44 | \$ |
| Per share market value, end of period Total investment return, market(%) Total investment return, NAV(%) Ratios/Supplemental Data: | \$ | 25.35 6.52 8.12 | \$ | 23.80 14.04 13.75 | | \$ |
| Net assets, end of period(000) | \$ | 600,191 | \$ | 573 , 980 | \$ 529,469 | \$ 47 |
| assets(%) | | .41+ | | .54 | .55 | |
| average net assets(%) Portfolio turnover rate(%) | | 1.31+ 8.25 | | 1.02 15.83 | .41 16.72 | |

^{*} Per-share data are based on the average number of shares outstanding during the period.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2006
(Unaudited)

PORTFOLIO SECURITIES 92.9%

STOCKS (COMMON UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE)

Prin. Amt. or Shares

Value

Banking and Finance 9.0%

46,15

^{**} Computed on the basis of the Corporation's status as a "regulated investment company" for Federal income tax purposes.

⁺ Annualized, not necessarily indicative of full year ratio. See accompanying notes to financial statements.

| 875,000 300,000 | The Bank of New York Company, Inc Capital One Financial Corporation | \$ 28,175,000 25,635,000 |
|--|---|---|
| | | 53,810,000 |
| 400,200 1,550,000 100,000 320,000 | Business Services 8.5% Ceridian Corporation(a) Convergys Corporation(a) Hewitt Associates, Inc.(a) IMS Health, Inc. | 9,780,888 30,225,000 2,248,000 8,592,000 |
| | | 50,845,888 |
| 100,000 620,000 150,000 40,328 | Chemicals 2.9% The Dow Chemical Company PolyOne Corporation(a) Rohm and Haas Company Tronox Inc. Class B | 3,903,000 5,443,600 7,518,000 531,120 |
| | | 17,395,720 |
| 900,000 500,000 | Communications 1.2% Arbinet-thexchange, Inc.(a) | 5,049,000 2,050,000 |
| | | 7,099,000 |
| 800,000 430,000 100,000 255,000 980,000 200,000 2,000,000 2,000,000 | Electronics 13.8% Agilent Technologies, Inc.(a) Analog Devices, Inc. Cirrus Logic, Inc.(a) Cypress Semiconductor Corp.(a) Intel Corporation Motorola, Inc. Solectron Corporation(a) Sonus Networks, Inc.(a) | 25,248,000 13,820,200 814,000 3,707,700 18,620,000 4,030,000 6,840,000 9,900,000 |
| | | 82,979,900 |
| 234,328 400,000 520,200 600,000 160,000 1,100,000 | Energy 17.7% Chevron Corporation Kerr-McGee Corporation McMoRan Exploration Co.(a) Murphy Oil Corporation Nexen Inc. TransMontaigne Inc.(a) | 14,542,396 27,740,000 9,155,520 33,516,000 9,046,400 12,331,000 |
| | | 106,331,316 |
| 120,000 450,000 140,000 | Health Care 2.4% Abbott Laboratories | 5,233,200 8,563,500 777,000 |
| | | 14,573,700 |
| | | |

| or Shares | | Value |
|--|--|---|
| 350,000 1,025,400 900,000 | Information Technology Services 4.2% Neoware, Inc.(a) | \$ 4,301,500 15,165,666 5,652,000 |
| | | 25,119,166 |
| 10,000 70,000 | Insurance 20.1% Erie Indemnity Co. Class A The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. | 520,000 |
| 2,000 | Class A(b)(c) | 119,000,000 974,000 |
| | | 120,494,000 |
| 910,000 400,000 410,000 200,000 | Manufacturing 13.0% Brady Corporation Class A Dover Corporation Roper Industries, Inc. Tyco International Ltd. | 33,524,400 19,772,000 19,167,500 5,500,000 |
| | | 77,963,900 |
| 28 , 751 | Retail Trade 0.1% Aerogroup International, Inc.(a)(c) | 862,530 |
| | Total Portfolio Securities (cost \$235,258,554)(d) | 557,475,120 |
| 10,301,000 | SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 7.7% Commercial Paper 3.5% Citigroup Funding Inc. | |
| 10,996,000 | 4.8674% - 4.9180% due 7/5/06 - 7/12/06 General Electric Capital Corporation | 10,289,978 |
| 10,990,000 | 4.9585% - 5.1457% due 7/19/06 - 8/16/06 | 10,953,654 |
| | | 21,243,632 |
| 25,029,000 | U.S. Treasury Bills 4.2% U.S. Treasury Bills 4.5906% - 4.6853% | 24 015 007 |
| | due 8/3/06 - 8/10/06 Total Short-Term Investments | 24,915,987 |
| | (cost \$46,159,619)(d) | 46,159,619 |
| | Total Investments (100.6%) Cash, receivables and other assets | 603,634,739 |
| | less liabilities (0.6%) | (3,443,290) |
| | Net Assets (100%) | \$600,191,449 ======= |
| | | |

⁽a) Non-dividend paying.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

⁽b) Affiliate as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940.

⁽c) Valued at estimated fair value.

⁽d) Aggregate cost for Federal tax purposes is substantially the same.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES June 30, 2006 (Unaudited)

ASSETS:

| | Investments: General portfolio securities at market value (cost \$233,058,568) (Note 1) |
|------|---|
| | Cash, receivables and other assets: Cash Dividends and interest receivable Office equipment and leasehold improvements, net Prepaid expenses and other assets |
| LIAI | Total Assets |
| | Payable for securities purchased |
| | Total Liabilities |
| NET | ASSETS |
| NET | ASSETS are represented by: Common Stock \$1 par value: authorized 30,000,000 shares; issued 20,820,859 (Note 2) Surplus: Paid-in Undistributed net gain on sales of investments Undistributed net investment income |
| | Net unrealized appreciation of investments |
| NET | ASSETS |
| | ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE 20,215,359 shares outstanding) |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the six months ended June 30, 2006
(Unaudited)

INVESTMENT INCOME

\$ 4

\$ 2

| Income: |
|---|
| Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$2,089) |
| Interest |
| Expenses: Administration and operations Occupancy costs Investment research Franchise and miscellaneous taxes Directors' fees Stationery, supplies, printing and postage Listing, software and sundry fees Insurance Legal, auditing and tax fees Travel and telephone Transfer agent and registrar fees and expenses Custodian fees Miscellaneous |
| Net investment income |
| NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS Net realized gain from security transactions |
| Net gain on investments |
| NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS |
| See accompanying notes to financial statements. |
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| STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS |
| For the six months ended June 30, 2006 and the year ended December 31, 2005 |
| |
| FROM OPERATIONS: Net investment income |
| Increase in net assets resulting from operations |

DISTRIBUTIONS TO STOCKHOLDERS FROM:

| Net investment income | |
|--|--|
| Decrease in net assets from distributions | |
| FROM CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS: (Note 2) Distribution to stockholders reinvested in Common Stock | |
| <pre>Increase (decrease) in net assets from capital share transactions</pre> | |
| Total increase in net assets NET ASSETS: Beginning of period | |
| End of period (including undistributed net investment income of \$3,281,134 and \$136,692, respectively) | |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended June 30, 2006 (Unaudited)

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

| Net increase in net assets from operations Adjustments to net increase in net assets from operations: Purchase of securities Proceeds from securities sold Net sales of short-term investments Net realized gain from investments Increase in unrealized appreciation Depreciation and amortization Changes in operating assets and liabilities: Decrease in dividends and interest receivable Increase in office equipment and leasehold improvements | |
|--|--|
| Decrease in other assets | |
| Decrease in accrued expenses and reserves | |
| Total adjustments | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities Cash flows from financing ACTIVITIES: Dividends paid Treasury shares repurchased | |
| Cash flows used in financing activities | |
| | |

\$ 6

(\$44, 50, 2, (17,

> (4, (13,

| Net decrease in cash |
|---|
| Cash at beginning of period |
| |
| Cash at end of period |
| |
| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION: |
| Non-cash financing activities not included herein consist of: |
| Pavable for treasury shares repurchased |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (unaudited)

- 1. Significant Accounting Policies -- The Corporation is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Corporation in the preparation of its financial statements. The policies are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
 - Security Valuation -- Securities are valued at the last or closing sale price or, if unavailable, at the closing bid price. Corporate discount notes and U.S. Treasury Bills are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Securities for which no ready market exists, including The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. Class A Common Stock, are valued at estimated fair value by the Board of Directors.
 - Federal Income Taxes -- It is the Corporation's policy to meet the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its taxable income to its stockholders. Therefore, no Federal income taxes have been accrued.
 - Use of Estimates -- The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
 - Other -- Security transactions are accounted for as of the date the securities are purchased or sold, and cost of securities sold is determined by specific identification. Dividend income and distributions to stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date.
- 2. Common Stock The Corporation repurchased 546,800 shares of its Common Stock in the first six months of 2006 at an average price of \$24.69 per share, representing an average discount from net asset value of 13.41%. It may 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 the stockholders. Purchases will only be made at less than net asset value per share, thereby increasing the net asset value of shares held by the remaining stockholders. Shares so acquired may be held as treasury stock, available for optional stock distributions, or maybe retired.
- 3. Investment Transactions The aggregate cost of securities purchased and the aggregate proceeds of securities sold during the six months ended June 30, 2006, excluding short-term investments, were \$44,532,787\$ and \$50,042,805, respectively.

As of June 30, 2006, based on cost for Federal income tax purposes, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation for all securities were \$328,565,140 and \$6,348,574, respectively.

4. Operating Expenses -- The aggregate remuneration paid during the six months ended June 30, 2006 to officers and directors amounted to \$551,750, of which \$69,250 was paid as fees to directors who were not officers. Benefits to employees are provided through a profit sharing retirement plan. Contributions to the plan are made at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and each participant's benefits vest after three years. No contributions were made to the plan for the six months ended June 30, 2006.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- continued (unaudited)

- 5. Affiliates The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. is an affiliate as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940. During the six months ended June 30, 2006, the Corporation received dividends of \$4,185,300\$ from affiliates and earned a realized gain of \$4,059,424\$ from the sale of shares of an affiliate. Unrealized appreciation related to affiliates increased by \$6,504,363\$ for the six months ended June 30, 2006 to \$116,800,014.
- 6. Restricted Securities -- The Corporation from time to time invests in securities the resale of which is restricted. On June 30, 2006 such investments had an aggregate value of \$119,862,530, which was equal to 20.0% of the Corporation's net assets. Investments in restricted securities at June 30, 2006, including acquisition dates and cost, were:

| Company | Shares | Security | Date Purchased | Cost |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | | | | |
| Aerogroup International, Inc. | 28 , 751 | Common Stock | 6/21/05 | \$ 17,20 |
| The Plymouth Rock | 70,000 | Class A Common | 12/15/82 | 1,500,00 |
| Company, Inc. | | Stock | 6/9/84 | 699 , 98 |

The Corporation does not have the right to demand registration of the restricted securities. Unrealized appreciation related to restricted securities increased by \$10,717,645 for the six months ended June 30, 2006 to \$117,645,344.

7. Operating Lease Commitment -- The Corporation has entered into an operating lease for office space which expires in 2014 and provides for future minimum rental payments in the aggregate amount of approximately \$2.8 million. The lease agreement contains escalation clauses relating to operating costs and real property taxes. Future minimum rental commitments under the lease are \$314,241 per year for 2006 through 2008, \$329,172 for 2009 and \$341,806 annually thereafter.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STOCKHOLDERS OF

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

We have reviewed the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the statement of investments, of Central Securities Corporation as of June 30, 2006, and the related statements of operations, changes in net assets, cash flows and financial highlights for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of Central Securities Corporation.

We have conducted our review in accordance with standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements referred to above for them to be in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We have previously audited, in accordance with standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the statement of changes in net assets for the year ended December 31, 2005 and financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2005, and in our report dated January 27, 2006 we expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

KPMG LLP

New York, NY July 25, 2006

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Direct Registration

In December 2005, the Corproation initiated direct registration, a system that allows for book-entry ownership and the electronic transfer of the Corporation's shares. Stockholders may find direct registration a convenient way of managing their investment. Stockholders wishing certificates may request them.

A pamphlet which describes the features and benefits of direct registration, including the ability of shareholders to deposit certificates with our transfer agent, can be obtained by calling Computershare Trust Company at 1-800-756-8200, calling the Corporation at 1-866-593-2507 or visiting our website: www.centralsecurities.com under Contact Us.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Corporation was held on March 8, 2006. At the meeting all of the directors of the Corporation were reelected by the following vote of the holders of the Common Stock: Simms C. Browning, 18,104,413 shares in favor, 433,072 withheld; Donald G. Calder, 18,148,315 shares in favor, 389,170 shares withheld; Jay R. Inglis, 18,123,367 shares in favor, 414,118 shares withheld; Dudley D. Johnson, 18,146,473 shares in favor,

391,012 shares withheld; Wilmot H. Kidd, 18,123,554 shares in favor, 413,391 shares withheld; and C. Carter Walker, Jr., 18,145,276 shares in favor, 392,209 shares withheld.

In addition, the selection of KPMG LLP as independent auditors of the Corporation for the year 2006 was ratified by the following vote of the holders of the Common Stock: 18,135,964 shares in favor, 323,216 shares against, 78,305 shares abstaining.

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

The policies and procedures used by the Corporation to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities and the Corporation's proxy voting record for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006 are available: (1) without charge, upon request, by calling us at our toll-free telephone number (1-866-593-2507), (2) on the Corporation's website at www.centralsecurities.com and (3) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

Quarterly Portfolio Information

The Corporation files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and the third quarter of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Corporation's Form N-Q filings are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Those forms may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

C. Carter Walker, Jr., Chairman
Simms C. Browning
Donald G. Calder
Jay R. Inglis
Dudley D. Johnson
Wilmot H. Kidd

OFFICERS

Wilmot H. Kidd, President Charles N. Edgerton, Vice President and Treasurer Marlene A. Krumholz, Secretary

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INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

KPMG LLP New York, NY

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- Item 2. Code of Ethics. The information required by this Item is only required in an annual report on this Form N-CSR.
- Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Experts. The information required by this Item is only required in an annual report on this Form N-CSR.
- Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services. The information required by this Item is only required in an annual report on this Form N-CSR.
- Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants. The information required by this Item is only required in an annual report on this Form N-CSR.
- Item 6. Schedule of Investments. Schedule is included as a part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this Form.
- Item 7. Disclose Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Companies. The information required by this Item is only required in an annual report on this Form N-CSR.
- Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies. Mr. Wilmot H. Kidd is the President and portfolio manager of the Corporation and has served in that capacity since 1973. He manages no other accounts and accordingly, the Registrant is not aware of any material conflicts with his management of the Corporation's investments. Mr. Kidd's compensation consists primarily of a fixed base salary and a bonus. His compensation is reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors annually. His compensation may be adjusted from year to year based on the Board of Directors perception of overall performance and his management responsibilities. As of June 30, 2006, Mr. Kidd's investment in Central Securities common stock exceeded \$1 million.
- Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.

| Period | (a) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased | (b) Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit) | (c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | (d) Max Approx Value) Units) t Purchas |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| Month #1 (January 1 through January 31) | 0 | NA | NA | |
| Month #2 (February 1 | 451 , 600 | \$24.66 | NA | |

| through February 28) | | | |
|--|---------|---------|----|
| Month #3 (March 1 through March 31) | 46,600 | \$24.56 | NA |
| Month #4 (April 1 through April 30) | 15,800 | \$25.32 | NA |
| Month #5 (May 1 through May 31) | 0 | NA | NA |
| Month #6 (June 1 through June 30) | 32,800 | \$24.91 | NA |
| Total | 546,800 | \$24.69 | NA |

All shares purchased except the following were made in open market transactions as authorized by the Board of Directors. In February 2006, 406,000 shares were purchased in a private transaction directly from a stockholder.

Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders. There have been no changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant's board of directors since such procedures were last described in the Corporation's proxy statement dated February 3, 2006.

Item 11. Controls and Procedures.

- (a) The Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer of Central Securities Corporation (the "Corporation") have concluded that the Corporation's Disclosure Controls and Procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-2(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) are effective based on their evaluation of the Disclosure Controls and Procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report.
- (b) There have been no changes in the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d)) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting.
- Item 12. Exhibits. (a) Any code of ethics, or amendment thereto, that is the subject of the disclosure required by Item 2, to the extent that the registrant intends to satisfy the Item 2 requirements through filing of an exhibit. The information required by this Item is only required in an annual report on this Form N-CSR.
- (b) A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2 under the Act. Attached hereto.
- (c) Any written solicitation to purchase securities under Rule 23c-1 under the Act sent or given during the period covered by the report by or on behalf of the registrant to 10 or more persons. Not Applicable.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Central Securities Corporation

By: /s/ Wilmot H. Kidd

Wilmot H. Kidd President

July 28, 2006

Date

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capabilities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Wilmot H. Kidd

Wilmot H. Kidd President

July 28, 2006

Date

By: /s/ Charles N. Edgerton

Charles N. Edgerton

Treasurer

July 28, 2006

Date