CENTRAL SECURITIES CORP

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CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

INTERIM REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

To the Stockholders of

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION:

Financial data for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 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, 2007 | June 30, 2007 | Dec. 31, 20 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | | |
| Net assets | \$671,426,934 | \$678,277,359 | \$617,167,0 |
| Net assets per share of Common Stock | 32.69 | 33.03 | 30. |
| Shares of Common Stock outstanding | 20,538,195 | 20,538,195 | 20,538,1 |

Comparative operating results are as follows:

| | Nine months ende | d September 3 |
|--|------------------|---------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | | |
| Net investment income | \$ 7,704,867 | \$ 7,018,095 |
| Per share of Common Stock | .38* | .35 |
| Net realized gain on sale of investments | 37,419,803 | 34,340,340 |
| Increase in net unrealized appreciation of investments | 13,242,876 | 4,366,522 |
| Increase in net assets resulting from operations | 58,367,546 | 45,724,957 |

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

In the quarter ended September 30, 2007 the Corporation did not repurchase

any shares of its Common Stock. However, 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 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 October 17, 2007

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PRINCIPAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES
July 1 to September 30, 2007
(Common Stock unless specified otherwise)
(unaudited)

Number of Shares Held September Purchased Sold 2007 386,000 680,00 A.S.V., Inc..... The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation..... 49,525(b) 825,47 34,400 875,60 Brady Corporation..... Carlisle Companies Inc..... 140,000 140,00 234,328 Chevron Corporation..... 100,00 Coherent, Inc..... 100,000 Convergys Corporation..... 715,800 1,715,80 Covidien Ltd..... 100,000(a) 100,00 200,000 200,00 Devon Energy Corporation..... 1,000,00 GeoMet, Inc..... 220,000 200,000 Hewitt Associates, Inc..... IMS Health Inc..... 120,000 80,00 Intel Corporation..... 80,000 900,00 90,00 Meritage Homes Corporation..... 10,000 550,00 50,000 Murphy Oil Corporation..... 1,400,000(b) Neoware, Inc..... 1,000,00 390,000 Radisys Corporation..... 90,00 Tyco Electronics Ltd..... 100,000(a) 10,000 Tyco International Ltd..... 300,000(c) 100,00 20,001 60,00 Verigy Ltd.....

TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS (unaudited)

⁽a) Received in a distribution from Tyco International Ltd.

⁽b) Merger.

⁽c) Reverse stock split.

| | Septembe | er 30, 2007 | | | | |
|---|------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| | Cost | Value | % of Net Assets | Year Firs Acquired | | |
| | (millions) | | | | | |
| The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc | \$ 2.2 | \$148.4 | 22.1% | 1982 | | |
| Murphy Oil Corporation | 2.8 | 38.4 | 5.7 | 1974 | | |
| The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation | 15.5 | 36.4 | 5.4 | 1993 | | |
| Agilent Technologies, Inc | 22.5 | 34.8 | 5.2 | 2005 | | |
| Brady Corporation | 2.5 | 31.4 | 4.7 | 1984 | | |
| Convergys Corporation | 25.1 | 29.8 | 4.4 | 1998 | | |
| Roper Industries, Inc | 9.0 | 26.9 | 4.0 | 2003 | | |
| Intel Corporation | 0.4 | 23.3 | 3.5 | 1986 | | |
| Capital One Financial Corporation | 5.1 | 22.6 | 3.4 | 1994 | | |
| Dover Corporation | 13.0 | 20.4 | 3.0 | 2003 | | |

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