

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORP
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**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, 2010

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2010

Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 2010

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

| Year | Per Share of Common Stock | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | Total net assets | Net asset value | Net investment income(A) | Dividends(B) | Distributions(B) | Net realized investment gain | Unrealized appreciation of investments |
| 1999 | \$590,655,679 | \$35.05 | | | | | \$394,282,360 |
| 2000 | 596,289,086 | 32.94 | \$.32 | \$.32 | \$4.03 | \$65,921,671 | 363,263,634 |
| 2001 | 539,839,060 | 28.54 | .18 | .22 | 1.58* | 13,662,612 | 304,887,640 |
| 2002 | 361,942,568 | 18.72 | .14 | .14 | 1.11 | 22,869,274 | 119,501,484 |
| 2003 | 478,959,218 | 24.32 | .09 | .11 | 1.29 | 24,761,313 | 229,388,141 |
| 2004 | 529,468,675 | 26.44 | .11 | .11 | 1.21 | 25,103,157 | 271,710,179 |
| 2005 | 573,979,905 | 27.65 | .28 | .28 | 1.72 | 31,669,417 | 302,381,671 |
| 2006 | 617,167,026 | 30.05 | .36 | .58 | 1.64 | 36,468,013 | 351,924,627 |
| 2007 | 644,822,724 | 30.15 | .38 | .52 | 1.88 | 42,124,417 | 356,551,394 |
| 2008 | 397,353,061 | 17.79 | .39 | .36 | 2.10 | 43,582,234 | 94,752,477 |
| 2009 | 504,029,743 | 22.32 | .29 | .33 | .32 | 7,663,021 | 197,256,447 |
| Six mos. to June 30, 2010** | 499,948,837 | 22.22 | .25 | .17 | .03 | 3,596,589 | 190,046,813 |

A - Excluding gains or losses realized on sale of investments.

B - 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 net long-term investment gains.

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

** Unaudited.

The Common Stock is listed on the NYSE Amex under the symbol CET. On June 30, 2010, the market quotations were: \$18.31 low, \$18.51 high and \$18.37 last sale.

To the Stockholders of

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION:

Financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2010 reviewed by our independent registered public accounting firm and other pertinent information are submitted herewith.

Comparative net assets are as follows:

| | June 30, 2010 (Unaudited) | December 31, 2009 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Net assets | \$ 499,948,837 | \$ 504,029,743 |
| Net assets per share of Common Stock | 22.22 | 22.32 |
| Shares of Common Stock outstanding | 22,502,416 | 22,585,259 |

Comparative operating results are as follows:

| | Six months ended June 30, | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2010 (Unaudited) | 2009 (Unaudited) |
| Net investment income | \$ 5,527,889 | \$ 3,457,135 |
| Per share of Common Stock | .25* | .15* |
| Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments | 3,596,589 | (451,241) |
| Increase (decrease) in net unrealized appreciation of investments | (7,209,633) | 31,889,796 |
| Increase in net assets resulting from operations | 1,914,845 | 34,895,690 |

* Based on the average number of Common shares outstanding during the period.

A distribution of \$.20 per share of Common Stock was paid on July 12, 2010 to stockholders of record as of June 25, 2010. Stockholders will be sent a notice concerning the taxability of all 2010 distributions early in 2011.

During the first six months of 2010, the Corporation repurchased 82,843 shares of its Common Stock at an average price per share of \$18.04. The Corporation may from time to time purchase Common Stock in such amounts and at such prices as the Board of Directors deem 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*

630 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10111
July 21, 2010

TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2010
(Unaudited)

| | Cost | Value | Percent of Net Assets | Year First Acquired |
|---|------------|----------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | (millions) | | | |
| The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. | \$ 2.2 | \$ 168.0 | 33.6% | 1982 |
| Coherent, Inc. | 22.9 | 28.5 | 5.7 | 2007 |
| Agilent Technologies, Inc. | 21.9 | 26.2 | 5.2 | 2005 |
| Analog Devices, Inc. | 9.4 | 18.9 | 3.8 | 1987 |
| Brady Corporation | 2.3 | 18.7 | 3.7 | 1984 |
| Convergys Corporation | 24.8 | 16.7 | 3.3 | 1998 |
| The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation | 12.2 | 16.7 | 3.3 | 1993 |
| Intel Corporation | 2.3 | 15.8 | 3.2 | 1986 |
| Murphy Oil Corporation | 1.0 | 13.9 | 2.8 | 1974 |
| Roper Industries, Inc. | 4.7 | 12.9 | 2.6 | 2003 |

DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2010
(Unaudited)

| | Issues | Cost | Value | Percent of Net Assets | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | June 30, 2010 | December 31, 2009* |
| Common Stocks: | | | | | |
| Insurance | 2 | \$ 2,610,297 | \$ 168,455,000 | 33.7% | 30.6% |
| Technology Hardware and Equipment | 6 | 84,503,440 | 80,551,000 | 16.1 | 15.2 |
| Diversified Industrial | 6 | 40,829,747 | 64,081,900 | 12.8 | 14.3 |
| Semiconductor | 4 | 26,799,058 | 49,781,640 | 10.0 | 7.9 |
| Energy | 7 | 47,306,303 | 45,217,600 | 9.1 | 9.9 |
| Banking and Finance | 4 | 20,425,228 | 25,301,137 | 5.1 | 4.5 |
| Software and Services | 2 | 38,678,911 | 24,636,600 | 4.9 | 5.3 |
| Other | 10 | 45,209,280 | 38,384,200 | 7.6 | 8.4 |
| Short-Term Investments | 1 | 7,586,444 | 7,586,444 | 1.5 | 3.8 |

* Reclassified for comparative purposes.

PRINCIPAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

April 1 to June 30, 2010

(Unaudited)

(Common Stock unless specified otherwise)

| | Number of Shares | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| | Purchased | Sold | Held June 30, 2010 |
| Aerogroup International, Inc. | | 8,751(a) | 20,000 |
| Analog Devices, Inc. | 178,000 | | 678,000 |
| Arbinet Corporation | | 750,000(b) | 250,000 |
| CEVA, Inc. | 303,100 | | 803,100 |
| Dover Corporation | | 100,000 | 290,000 |
| Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc. | 300,000 | | 400,000 |
| Murphy Oil Corporation | | 10,000 | 280,000 |
| RadiSys Corporation | 5,200 | | 1,190,000 |

(a) Tender offer.

(b) Reverse stock split (1 for 4).

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2010

(Unaudited)

COMMON STOCKS 99.3%

| <i>Shares</i> | | <i>Value</i> |
|---------------|---|------------------------|
| | Banking and Finance 5.1% | |
| 675,000 | The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation | \$ 16,665,750 |
| 237,700 | Home Federal Bancorp, Inc. | 3,002,151 |
| 100,000 | JPMorgan Chase & Co. | 3,661,000 |
| 310,100 | NewStar Financial, Inc. (a) | 1,972,236 |
| | | <hr/> 25,301,137 <hr/> |
| | Commercial Services 0.6% | |
| 400,000 | Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc. (a) | 3,220,000 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | Diversified Industrial 12.8% | |
| 750,000 | Brady Corporation Class A | 18,690,000 |
| 200,000 | Carlisle Companies Inc. | 7,226,000 |
| 290,000 | Dover Corporation | 12,119,100 |
| 200,000 | General Electric Company | 2,884,000 |
| 100,000 | Precision Castparts Corporation | 10,292,000 |
| 230,000 | Roper Industries, Inc. | 12,870,800 |
| | | <hr/> 64,081,900 <hr/> |
| | Energy 9.1% | |
| 100,000 | Cenovus Energy Inc. | 2,579,000 |
| 200,000 | Devon Energy Corporation | 12,184,000 |
| 100,000 | EnCana Corporation | 3,034,000 |
| 2,000,000 | GeoMet, Inc. (a)(b) | 2,280,000 |
| 660,000 | McMoRan Exploration Co. (a) | 7,332,600 |
| 280,000 | Murphy Oil Corporation | 13,874,000 |
| 200,000 | Nexen Inc. | 3,934,000 |
| | | <hr/> 45,217,600 <hr/> |
| | Health Care 3.2% | |
| 120,000 | Abbott Laboratories | 5,613,600 |
| 100,000 | Johnson & Johnson | 5,906,000 |
| 100,000 | Medtronic, Inc. | 3,627,000 |
| 260,000 | Vical Inc. (a) | 806,000 |
| | | <hr/> 15,952,600 <hr/> |

| Insurance 33.7% | | |
|------------------------|---|-------------|
| 10,000 | Erie Indemnity Co. Class A | 455,000 |
| 70,000 | The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. Class A (b)(c) | 168,000,000 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 168,455,000 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Retailing 1.3% | | |
| 20,000 | Aerogroup International, Inc. (a)(c) | 455,000 |
| 230,000 | Walgreen Co. | 6,141,000 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 6,596,000 |
| | | <hr/> |

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| <i>Shares</i> | | <i>Value</i> |
|---------------|---|----------------------------|
| | Semiconductor 10.0% | |
| 678,000 | Analog Devices, Inc. | \$ 18,889,080 |
| 803,100 | CEVA, Inc. (a) | 10,119,060 |
| 810,000 | Intel Corporation | 15,754,500 |
| 300,000 | Maxim Integrated Products, Inc. | 5,019,000 |
| | | <hr/> 49,781,640 <hr/> |
| | Software and Services 4.9% | |
| 1,700,000 | Convergys Corporation (a) | 16,677,000 |
| 990,000 | Xerox Corporation | 7,959,600 |
| | | <hr/> 24,636,600 <hr/> |
| | Technology Hardware and Equipment 16.1% | |
| 920,000 | Agilent Technologies, Inc. (a) | 26,155,600 |
| 831,000 | Coherent, Inc. (a) | 28,503,300 |
| 630,000 | Flextronics International Ltd. (a) | 3,528,000 |
| 350,000 | Motorola, Inc. (a) | 2,282,000 |
| 1,190,000 | RadiSys Corporation (a) | 11,328,800 |
| 3,230,000 | Sonus Networks, Inc. (a) | 8,753,300 |
| | | <hr/> 80,551,000 <hr/> |
| | Telecommunication Services 2.5% | |
| 250,000 | Arbinet Corporation (a) | 1,990,000 |
| 200,000 | AT&T Inc. | 4,838,000 |
| 280,000 | Vodafone Group Plc | 5,787,600 |
| | | <hr/> 12,615,600 <hr/> |
| | Total Common Stocks (cost \$306,362,264)(d) | 496,409,077 |
| | SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 1.5% | |
| | Money Market Fund 1.5% | |
| 7,586,444 | Fidelity Institutional Money Market Government Portfolio (cost \$7,586,444)(d) | 7,586,444 |
| | Total Investments (cost \$313,948,708)(d) (100.8%) | 503,995,521 |
| | Cash, receivables and other assets less liabilities (.8%) | (4,046,684) |
| | Net Assets (100%) | <hr/> \$ 499,948,837 <hr/> |

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- (a) Non-dividend paying.
 - (b) Affiliate as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940.
 - (c) Valued based on Level 3 inputs see Note 3.
 - (d) Aggregate cost for Federal tax purposes is substantially the same.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

June 30, 2010
(Unaudited)

ASSETS:

Investments:

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| General portfolio securities at market value (cost \$290,503,346) | \$ 326,129,077 | |
| Securities of affiliated companies (cost \$15,858,918) (Notes 6 and 7) | 170,280,000 | |
| Short-term investments (cost \$7,586,444) | 7,586,444 | \$ 503,995,521 |

Cash, receivables and other assets:

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Cash | 150,847 | |
| Dividends and interest receivable | 292,239 | |
| Office equipment and leasehold improvements, net | 166,113 | |
| Other assets | 111,320 | 720,519 |

| | | |
|--------------|--|-------------|
| Total Assets | | 504,716,040 |
|--------------|--|-------------|

LIABILITIES:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Dividend payable | 4,501,143 | |
| Payable for securities purchased | 96,651 | |
| Accrued expenses and reserves | 169,409 | |

| | | |
|-------------------|--|-----------|
| Total Liabilities | | 4,767,203 |
|-------------------|--|-----------|

| | | |
|------------|--|----------------|
| NET ASSETS | | \$ 499,948,837 |
|------------|--|----------------|

NET ASSETS are represented by:

| | | |
|---|--|---------------|
| Common Stock \$1 par value: authorized 30,000,000 shares; issued 22,595,859 (Note 3) | | \$ 22,595,859 |
|---|--|---------------|

Surplus:

| | | |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Paid-in | \$ 283,556,378 | |
| Undistributed net gain on sales of investments | 3,596,589 | |
| Undistributed net investment income | 1,838,859 | 288,991,826 |

| | | |
|--|--|-------------|
| Net unrealized appreciation of investments | | 190,046,813 |
|--|--|-------------|

| | | |
|---|--|-------------|
| Treasury stock, at cost (93,443 shares of Common Stock) (Note 3) | | (1,685,661) |
|---|--|-------------|

| | | |
|------------|--|----------------|
| NET ASSETS | | \$ 499,948,837 |
|------------|--|----------------|

NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE
(22,502,416 shares outstanding)

| | | |
|--|--|----------|
| | | \$ 22.22 |
|--|--|----------|

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the six months ended June 30, 2010
(Unaudited)

INVESTMENT INCOME

Income:

| | | | |
|--|----|-----------|--------------|
| Dividends from affiliated companies (Note 6) | \$ | 4,764,200 | |
| Dividends from unaffiliated companies (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$14,798) | | 2,419,616 | |
| Interest | | 4,420 | \$ 7,188,236 |

Expenses:

| | | | |
|---|--|---------|-----------|
| Investment research | | 391,618 | |
| Administration and operations | | 623,775 | |
| Occupancy and office operating expenses | | 252,592 | |
| Directors' fees | | 76,750 | |
| Franchise and miscellaneous taxes | | 62,933 | |
| Legal, auditing and tax preparation fees | | 51,745 | |
| Software and information services | | 50,454 | |
| Stockholder communications and meetings | | 43,375 | |
| Travel and related expenses | | 30,817 | |
| Transfer agent, registrar and custodian fees and expenses | | 29,909 | |
| Miscellaneous | | 46,379 | 1,660,347 |

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--|--|-----------|
| Net investment income | | | 5,527,889 |
|-----------------------|--|--|-----------|

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)
ON INVESTMENTS

| | | | |
|--|--|-------------|--|
| Net realized gain from investment transactions | | 3,596,589 | |
| Net decrease in unrealized appreciation of investments | | (7,209,633) | |

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--|--|-------------|
| Net loss on investments | | | (3,613,044) |
|-------------------------|--|--|-------------|

NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM
OPERATIONS

| | | | |
|--|--|--|--------------|
| | | | \$ 1,914,845 |
|--|--|--|--------------|

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the six months ended June 30, 2010
and the year ended December 31, 2009

| | Six months ended June 30, 2010 (Unaudited) | Year ended December 31, 2009 |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| FROM OPERATIONS: | | |
| Net investment income | \$ 5,527,889 | \$ 6,378,588 |
| Net realized gain from investment transactions | 3,596,589 | 7,663,021 |
| Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation of investments | (7,209,633) | 102,503,970 |
| Increase in net assets resulting from operations | 1,914,845 | 116,545,579 |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO STOCKHOLDERS FROM: | | |
| Net investment income | (3,743,904) | (7,291,046) |
| Net realized gain from investment transactions | (757,239) | (7,189,387) |
| Decrease in net assets from distributions | (4,501,143) | (14,480,433) |
| FROM CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS: (Note 3) | | |
| Distribution to stockholders reinvested in Common Stock | | 5,486,120 |
| Cost of Treasury shares purchased | (1,494,608) | (874,584) |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets from capital share transactions | (1,494,608) | 4,611,536 |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets | (4,080,906) | 106,676,682 |
| NET ASSETS: | | |
| Beginning of period | 504,029,743 | 397,353,061 |
| End of period (including undistributed net investment income of \$1,838,859 and \$54,874, respectively) | \$ 499,948,837 | \$ 504,029,743 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended June 30, 2010
(Unaudited)

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

| | | |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| Net increase in net assets from operations | | \$ 1,914,845 |
| Adjustments to net increase in net assets from operations: | | |
| Purchase of securities | \$ (21,997,789) | |
| Proceeds from securities sold | 6,669,266 | |
| Net sales of short-term investments | 11,474,158 | |
| Net realized gain from investment transactions | (3,596,589) | |
| Decrease in unrealized appreciation of investments | 7,209,633 | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 25,668 | |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Increase in dividends and interest receivable | (94,425) | |
| Increase in other assets | (32,730) | |
| Increase in payable for securities purchased | 35,672 | |
| Decrease in accrued expenses and reserves | (194,271) | |
| | | |
| Total adjustments | | (501,407) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | | 1,413,438 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Treasury shares purchased | (1,543,533) | |
| | | |
| Cash flows used in financing activities | | (1,543,533) |
| Net decrease in cash | | (130,095) |
| Cash at beginning of period | | 280,942 |
| | | |
| Cash at end of period | | \$ 150,847 |
| | | |

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW
INFORMATION:

Non-cash financing activities not included herein consist of:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Dividends payable at end of period | \$ 4,501,143 |
| Payable for Treasury shares purchased | \$ 60,979 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. *Significant Accounting Policies* Central Securities Corporation (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. These policies are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Security Valuation Marketable securities are valued at the last or closing sale price or, if unavailable, at the closing bid price. Investments in money market funds are valued at net asset value per share. Other short-term investments are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Securities for which no ready market exists 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. In addition, management has analyzed positions taken on the Corporation's tax returns and has determined that no provision for income taxes is required in the accompanying financial statements. The Corporation's Federal income tax returns for the current and previous three fiscal years remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

Use of Estimates The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. Actual results may differ from such estimates.

Other Security transactions are accounted for as of the trade date, and cost of securities sold is determined by specific identification. Dividend income and distributions to stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is accrued daily.

2. *Fair Value Measurements* The Corporation's investments are categorized below in three broad hierarchical levels based on market price observability as follows:

- *Level 1* Quoted prices in active markets for identical investments. The Corporation's Level 1 investments consist of securities listed on a national securities exchange and money market funds;
- *Level 2* Other significant observable data obtained from independent sources; for example quoted prices for similar investments or the use of models or other valuation methodologies such as amortized cost for certain short-term investments;
- *Level 3* Significant unobservable inputs including the Corporation's own assumptions based upon the best information available. Investments categorized as Level 3 include securities in which there is little, if any, market activity. The Corporation's Level 3 investments consist of The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. and Aerogroup International, Inc.

The designated Level for a security is not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in that security.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued (unaudited)

The Corporation's investments as of June 30, 2010 are classified as follows:

| <u>Valuation Inputs</u> | <u>Investments in Securities</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Level 1 | \$ 335,540,521 |
| Level 2 | |
| Level 3 | 168,455,000 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$ 503,995,521 |
| | <hr/> |

No investments were transferred between Levels 1, 2 or 3 during the six months ended June 30, 2010. The following is a reconciliation of assets for which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2009 | \$ 154,324,886 |
| Net realized gains and change in unrealized appreciation of investments included in net increase in net assets resulting from operations | 14,329,199 |
| Sales | (199,085) |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance as of June 30, 2010 | \$ 168,455,000 |
| | <hr/> |

The change in unrealized appreciation of Level 3 investments held at June 30, 2010 included in the above table was \$14,229,000.

The Corporation's Level 3 investments are valued by the Board of Directors. These valuations are primarily based on comparable company valuation analysis, a discounted future cash flow model and/or a review of independent appraisals. Consideration is also given to corporate governance, marketability, recent private transactions, company and industry outlooks and general market conditions. The determination of fair value involves subjective judgments. As a result, using fair value to price a security may result in a price materially different from the price used by other investors or the price that may be realized upon the actual sale of the security.

3. *Common Stock* The Corporation purchased 82,843 shares of its Common Stock in the first six months of 2010 at an average price of \$18.04 per share, representing an average discount from net asset value of 19.0%. It may from time to time purchase Common Stock in such amounts and at such prices as the Board of Directors 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 stock distributions, or may be retired.

4. *Investment Transactions* The aggregate cost of securities purchased and the aggregate proceeds of securities sold during the six months ended June 30, 2010, excluding short-term investments, were \$21,997,789 and \$6,669,266, respectively.

As of June 30, 2010, based on cost for Federal income tax purposes, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation for all securities were \$248,235,161 and \$58,188,348, respectively.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued (unaudited)

5. *Operating Expenses* The aggregate remuneration paid during the six months ended June 30, 2010 to officers and directors amounted to \$770,083, of which \$76,750 was paid as fees to directors who were not officers. Employees also participate in 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 of employment. No contributions were made to the plan for the six months ended June 30, 2010.

6. *Affiliates* The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. and GeoMet, Inc., are affiliates as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940. During the six months ended June 30, 2010, the Corporation received dividends of \$4,764,200 from Plymouth Rock. Unrealized appreciation related to affiliates increased by \$13,360,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2010 to \$154,421,082. The President of the Corporation is a director of Plymouth Rock.

7. *Restricted Securities* The Corporation from time to time invests in securities the resale of which is restricted. The Corporation does not have the right to demand registration of the restricted securities. On June 30, 2010, such investments had an aggregate value of \$168,455,000, which was equal to 33.7% of the Corporation's net assets. Investments in restricted securities at June 30, 2010, including acquisition dates and cost, were:

| Company | Shares | Security | Date Acquired | Cost |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| Aerogroup International, Inc. | 20,000 | Common Stock | 6/14/05 | \$ 11,965 |
| The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. | 60,000 | Class A Stock | 12/15/82 | 1,500,000 |
| The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. | 10,000 | Class A Stock | 6/9/84 | 699,986 |

8. *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 \$1.4 million as of June 30, 2010. The lease agreement contains escalation clauses relating to operating costs and real property taxes. Future minimum rental commitments under the lease are \$170,903 remaining for 2010, \$341,806 annually in 2011-2013 and \$170,903 in 2014.

9. *Bank Line of Credit* Effective May 3, 2010, the Corporation entered into a \$25 million uncommitted, secured revolving line of credit with UMB Bank, n.a. (UMB), the Corporation's custodian. All borrowings are payable at any time by demand of UMB. Interest on any borrowings is payable monthly at a rate based on the federal funds rate. The Corporation had no borrowings during the period ended June 30, 2010.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table shows per share operating performance data, total returns, ratios and supplemental data for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and each year in the five-year period ended December 31, 2009. This information has been derived from information contained in the financial statements and market price data for the Corporation's shares.

The Corporation's total returns reflect changes in market price or net asset value, as applicable, and assume reinvestment of all distributions. Distributions that are payable only in cash are assumed to be reinvested at the market price or net asset value, as applicable, on the payable date of the distribution or on the last day of the period if the payable date occurs after period-end. Distributions that may be taken in shares are assumed to be reinvested at the price designated by the Corporation.

| | Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 (Unaudited) | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Per Share Operating Performance | | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 22.32 | \$ 17.79 | \$ 30.15 | \$ 30.05 | \$ 27.65 | \$ 26.44 |
| Net investment income* | .25 | .29 | .39 | .38 | .36 | .28 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on securities* | (.15) | 4.89 | (10.29) | 2.12 | 4.26 | 2.93 |
| Total from investment operations | .10 | 5.18 | (9.90) | 2.50 | 4.62 | 3.21 |
| Less: | | | | | | |
| Dividends from net investment income | .17 | .33 | .36 | .37 | .36 | .28 |
| Distributions from capital gains | .03 | .32 | 2.10 | 2.03 | 1.86 | 1.72 |
| Total distributions | .20 | .65 | 2.46 | 2.40 | 2.22 | 2.00 |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ 22.22 | \$ 22.32 | \$ 17.79 | \$ 30.15 | \$ 30.05 | \$ 27.65 |
| Per share market value, end of period. | \$ 18.37 | \$ 17.98 | \$ 14.40 | \$ 26.84 | \$ 26.65 | \$ 23.80 |
| Total investment return, market(%) | 2.88 | 26.97 | (39.63) | 9.86 | 21.31 | 14.04 |
| Total investment | .45 | 30.15 | (32.66) | 9.35 | 18.55 | 13.75 |

return, NAV(%)**Ratios/Supplemental
Data:**

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Net assets, end of period(000) | \$499,949 | \$504,030 | \$397,353 | \$644,823 | \$617,167 | \$573,980 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets(%) | .64 | .91 | .66 | .59 | .53 | .54 |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets(%) | 2.14 | 1.49 | 1.43 | 1.21 | 1.23 | 1.02 |
| Portfolio turnover rate(%) | 1.32 | 7.94 | 11.04 | 19.58 | 17.55 | 15.83 |

* Based on the average number of shares outstanding during the period.
Annualized, not necessarily indicative of full year ratio.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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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, 2010, and the related statements of operations, changes in net assets, cash flows and financial highlights for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010. These interim financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of Central Securities Corporation's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of 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 interim financial statements and financial highlights referred to above for them to be in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the statement of changes in net assets for the year ended December 31, 2009 and financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2009, and in our report dated February 2, 2010 we expressed an unqualified opinion on such statement of changes in net assets and financial highlights.

KPMG LLP

New York, NY
July 21, 2010

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OTHER STOCKHOLDER INFORMATION

Direct Registration

The Corporation utilizes 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.centalsecurities.com under Contact Us.

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, 2010 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.centalsecurities.com and (3) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

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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.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Corporation was held on March 10, 2010. At the meeting, all of the directors of the Corporation were reelected by the following vote of the holders of the Common Stock:

| | In Favor | Withheld |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Simms C. Browning | 19,658,513 | 1,058,708 |
| Donald G. Calder | 19,847,437 | 869,784 |
| David C. Colander | 19,664,673 | 1,052,548 |
| Jay R. Inglis | 19,642,818 | 1,074,403 |
| Wilmot H. Kidd | 19,821,101 | 896,120 |
| C. Carter Walker, Jr. | 19,833,872 | 883,349 |

In addition, the selection of KPMG LLP as independent auditors of the Corporation for the year 2010 was ratified by the following vote of the holders of the Common Stock:

| In Favor | Against | Abstain |
|------------|---------|---------|
| <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| 20,568,045 | 81,632 | 67,544 |

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wilmot H. Kidd, Chairman
Jay R. Inglis, Lead Independent Director
Simms C. Browning
Donald G. Calder
David C. Colander
C. Carter Walker, Jr.

OFFICERS

Wilmot H. Kidd, President
Marlene A. Krumholz, Vice President and Secretary
Lawrence P. Vogel, Vice President and Treasurer

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Kansas City, MO

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. Investments.

(a) Schedule is included as a part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this Form.

(b) Not applicable.

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. The information required by this Item is only required in an annual report on this Form N-CSR.

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) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| Month #1 (January 1 through January 31) | 7,400 | \$17.70 | NA | NA |
| Month #2 (February 1 through February 28) | 49,843 | \$17.72 | NA | NA |
| Month #3 (March 1 through March 31) | 0 | NA | NA | NA |
| Month #4 (April 1 through April 30) | 0 | NA | NA | NA |
| Month #5 (May 1 through May 31) | 11,800 | \$18.85 | NA | NA |
| Month #6 (June 1 through June 30) | 13,800 | \$18.67 | NA | NA |

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| | | | | |
|-------|--------|---------|----|----|
| Total | 82,843 | \$18.04 | NA | NA |
|-------|--------|---------|----|----|

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 5, 2010.

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-3(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)(1) 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.

(a)(2) A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Attached hereto.

(a)(3) 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.

(b) Certifications of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Attached hereto.

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 29, 2010
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 29, 2010
Date

By: /s/ Lawrence P. Vogel
Lawrence P. Vogel
Vice President & Treasurer

July 29, 2010
Date
