

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORP  
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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, 2014

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2014

**Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.**

**CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION**

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

**JUNE 30, 2014**

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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.)

25-YEAR HISTORICAL DATA

Year	Total net assets	Net asset value	Per Share of Common Stock			Total dividends and distributions	Unrealized appreciation of investments at end of period	
			Source of dividends and distributions	Ordinary income*	Long-term capital gains*			
1988	\$ 118,930,727	\$ 11.77					\$ 25,718,033	
1989	129,376,703	12.24	\$ .35	\$ .65	**	\$ 1.00	**	38,661,339
1990	111,152,013	10.00	.20	.50	**	.70	**	25,940,819
1991	131,639,511	11.87	.14	.56	**	.70	**	43,465,583
1992	165,599,864	14.33	.20	.66		.86		70,586,429
1993	218,868,360	17.90	.18	1.42		1.60		111,304,454
1994	226,639,144	17.60	.22	1.39		1.61		109,278,788
1995	292,547,559	21.74	.33	1.60		1.93		162,016,798
1996	356,685,785	25.64	.28	1.37		1.65		214,721,981
1997	434,423,053	29.97	.34	2.08		2.42		273,760,444
1998	476,463,575	31.43	.29	1.65		1.94		301,750,135
1999	590,655,679	35.05	.26	2.34		2.60		394,282,360
2000	596,289,086	32.94	.32	4.03		4.35		363,263,634
2001	539,839,060	28.54	.22	1.58	**	1.80	**	304,887,640
2002	361,942,568	18.72	.14	1.11		1.25		119,501,484
2003	478,959,218	24.32	.11	1.29		1.40		229,388,141
2004	529,468,675	26.44	.11	1.21		1.32		271,710,179
2005	573,979,905	27.65	.28	1.72		2.00		302,381,671
2006	617,167,026	30.05	.58	1.64		2.22		351,924,627
2007	644,822,724	30.15	.52	1.88		2.40		356,551,394
2008	397,353,061	17.79	.36	2.10		2.46		94,752,477
2009	504,029,743	22.32	.33	.32		.65		197,256,447
2010	593,524,167	26.06	.46	.44		.90		281,081,168
2011	574,187,941	24.96	.43	.57		1.00		255,654,966
2012	569,465,087	24.53	.51	.43		.94		247,684,116
2013	648,261,868	26.78	.12	3.58		3.70		305,978,151
Six mos. to June 30, 2014***	680,152,702	28.20	.04	.16		.20		325,010,287
Total dividends and distributions for the period:			\$ 7.32	\$ 36.28		\$ 43.60		

\* Computed on the basis of the Corporation's status as a "regulated investment company" for Federal income tax purposes. Dividends from ordinary income include short-term capital gains.

\*\* Includes non-taxable returns of capital of \$.56 in 1989, \$.47 in 1990, \$.11 in 1991 and \$.55 in 2001.

\*\*\* Unaudited.

The Common Stock is listed on the NYSE MKT under the symbol CET. On June 30, 2014, the closing market price was \$23.45 per share.

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To the Stockholders of

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION:

Financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2014 reviewed by our independent registered public accounting firm and other pertinent information are submitted herewith.

Comparative net assets are as follows:

	June 30, 2014 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2013
Net assets	\$680,152,702	\$648,261,868
Net assets per share of Common Stock	28.20	26.78
Shares of Common Stock outstanding	24,117,323	24,207,823

Comparative operating results are as follows:

	Six months ended June 30,	
	2014	2013
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Net investment income	\$1,554,659	\$927,092
Per share of Common Stock	.06 *	.04 *
Net realized gain on sale of investments	18,106,748	18,986,170
Increase in net unrealized appreciation of investments	19,032,136	30,222,614
Increase in net assets resulting from operations	38,693,543	50,135,876

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

A distribution of \$.20 per share of Common Stock was paid on June 24, 2014 to stockholders of record as of June 10, 2014. Stockholders will be sent a notice concerning the taxability of all 2014 distributions early in 2015.

During the first six months of 2014, the Corporation purchased 93,500 shares of its Common Stock at an average price of \$21.88 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 on the NYSE MKT 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 23, 2014

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## PRINCIPAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

April 1 to June 30, 2014

(Unaudited)

(Common Stock unless specified otherwise)

	Number of Shares		Held June 30, 2014
	Purchased	Sold	
Aerogroup International, Inc.		20,000	—
Amazon.com, Inc.	10,000		10,000
Analog Devices, Inc.		40,000	560,000
Ascent Capital Group, Inc.	27,600		27,600
CEVA, Inc.		31,100	261,000
eBay Inc.	20,000		220,000
Encana Corporation		250,000	—
Flextronics International Ltd.		500,000	—
GeoMet, Inc. Series A Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock	9,801 (a)		323,462
Intel Corporation		190,000	1,300,000
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	40,000		300,000
Murphy USA, Inc.		70,000	—
Occidental Petroleum Corporation	100,000		100,000
The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc.		236	34,424
Roper Industries, Inc.		10,000	100,000
Tesco PLC		400,000	—
TRI Pointe Homes, Inc.	600,000		600,000

(a) Received as a dividend.

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TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2014  
(Unaudited)

	Cost	Value	Percent of Net Assets	Year First Acquired
	(millions)			
The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc.	\$0.9	\$132.5	19.5%	1982
Coherent, Inc.	17.5	43.5	6.4	2007
Intel Corporation	16.3	40.2	5.9	1986
The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation	18.3	34.7	5.1	1993
Agilent Technologies, Inc.	12.6	33.9	5.0	2005
Analog Devices, Inc.	7.6	30.3	4.5	1987
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	14.3	20.0	2.9	2000
Capital One Financial Corporation	13.0			