

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORP
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CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

INTERIM REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

AS OF MARCH 31, 2004

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To the Stockholders of

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION:

Financial data for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 and other pertinent information prepared by management without audit by independent auditors are submitted herewith.

Comparative net assets are as follows:

	Mar. 31, 2004	Dec. 31, 2003
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Net assets	\$488,536,021	\$478,959,218
Net assets per share of Common Stock	24.89	24.32
Shares of Common Stock outstanding	19,631,277	19,692,777

Comparative operating results are as follows:

	Three mon

	2004

Net investment income	\$ 1,222,55
Per share of Common Stock0
Net realized gain on sale of investments	16,501,81
Decrease in net unrealized appreciation of investments	(6,817,58
Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	10,906,77

* Per-share data are based on the average number of Common shares outstanding during the three-month period.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Corporation was held on March 10, 2004 with 94% of Common shares being represented. At the meeting the Board of Directors was reelected and the selection of KPMG LLP as auditors of the

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Corporation for the year 2004 was ratified. Detailed information will be published in the June 30, 2004 Semi-Annual Report.

In the quarter ended March 31, 2004 the Corporation repurchased 61,500 shares of its Common Stock at an average price per share of \$21.63. These shares were purchased on the American Stock Exchange. 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.

Stockholders' inquiries are welcome.

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

WILMOT H. KIDD, President

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PRINCIPAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES January 1 to March 31, 2004 (Common Stock unless specified otherwise)

	Number of Shares		
	Purchased	Sold	Held March 31 2004
Abbott Laboratories.....	100,000		100,000
Accenture Ltd.....	120,000		400,000
American Management Systems, Inc.....		1,255,498	364,500
Analog Devices, Inc.....		30,000	430,000
ArvinMeritor, Inc.....		100,000	600,000
The Bank of New York Company, Inc.....		60,000	500,000
Capital One Financial Corporation.....		60,000	370,000
Ceridian Corporation.....	100,000		100,000
Convergys Corporation.....	220,000		1,220,000
FleetBoston Financial Corp.....		100,000	-
Motorola, Inc.....		130,000	200,000
Rohm and Haas Company.....		50,000	150,000
SunGard Data Systems Inc.....		20,000	570,000
Unocal Corporation.....	150,000		150,000

TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS

	March 31, 2004			Year Fir Acquire
	Cost	Value	% of Net Assets	
	(millions)			
The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc.....	\$ 2.2	\$58.9	12.1%	1982
Capital One Financial Corporation.....	1.8	27.9	5.7	1994
Intel Corporation.....	.4	26.7	5.5	1986

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Flextronics International Ltd.....	3.8	20.7	4.2	1996
Analog Devices, Inc.....	.5	20.6	4.2	1987
Brady Corporation.....	2.3	19.6	4.0	1984
Murphy Oil Corporation.....	3.1	18.9	3.9	1974
Convergys Corporation.....	22.1	18.5	3.8	1998
Unisys Corporation.....	12.6	16.4	3.4	1999
The Bank of New York Company, Inc.....	3.3	15.8	3.2	1993

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