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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, 2008

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2008

Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

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CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 2008

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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.)

### TEN YEAR HISTORICAL DATA

Year	Total net assets	Convertible Preference Stock (A)	Per Share of Common Stock				Net real investment gain
			Net asset value	Net investment income (B)	Dividends (C)	Distributions (C)	
1997	\$434,423,053	\$9,040,850	\$29.97				
1998	476,463,575	8,986,125	31.43	\$.29	\$.29	\$1.65	\$22,90
1999	590,655,679	--	35.05	.26	.26	2.34	43,20
2000	596,289,086	--	32.94	.32	.32	4.03	65,92
2001	539,839,060	--	28.54	.18	.22	1.58*	13,66
2002	361,942,568	--	18.72	.14	.14	1.11	22,86
2003	478,959,218	--	24.32	.09	.11	1.29	24,76
2004	529,468,675	--	26.44	.11	.11	1.21	25,10
2005	573,979,905	--	27.65	.28	.28	1.72	31,66
2006	617,167,026	--	30.05	.36	.58	1.64	36,46
2007	644,822,724	--	30.15	.38	.52	1.88	42,12
Six mos. to June 30, 2008**	638,415,329	--	29.86	.22	.15	.05	24,66

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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.

The Common Stock is listed on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol CET. On June 30, 2008 the market quotations were: \$25.48 low, \$25.90 high and \$25.80 last sale.

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To the Stockholders of  
CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION:

Financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2008 reviewed by our independent registered public accounting firm and other pertinent information are submitted herewith.

Comparative net assets are as follows:

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	June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)	December 2007
	-----	-----
Net assets.....	\$638,415,329	\$644,822,
Net assets per share of Common Stock.....	29.86	30
Shares of Common Stock outstanding.....	21,376,782	21,385,

Comparative operating results are as follows:

	Six months ended June 30	
	2008 (Unaudited)	2007 (Unaudited)
	-----	-----
Net investment income.....	\$ 4,703,564	\$ 6,714,
Per share of Common Stock.....	.22*	
Net realized gain on sale of investments.....	24,660,810	18,046,
Increase (decrease) in net unrealized appreciation of investments...	(31,265,811)	40,457,
Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations.....	(1,901,437)	65,217,

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

A distribution of \$.20 per share of Common Stock was paid on June 20, 2008. Stockholders will be sent a notice concerning the taxability of all 2008 distributions in January 2009.

During the first six months of 2008 the Corporation repurchased 9,100 shares of its Common Stock at an average price per share of \$25.34. 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 22, 2008

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TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS  
June 30, 2008  
(Unaudited)

Percent of Year F

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	Cost	Value	Net Assets	Acqui
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	(millions)			
The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc.....	\$ 2.2	\$140.0	21.9%	198
Murphy Oil Corporation.....	1.7	39.2	6.1	197
Agilent Technologies, Inc.....	22.5	33.5	5.2	200
The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation.....	15.5	31.2	4.9	199
Brady Corporation.....	2.5	30.2	4.7	198
Convergys Corporation.....	25.3	25.7	4.0	199
Coherent, Inc.....	23.6	25.4	4.0	200
Devon Energy Corporation.....	14.9	24.0	3.8	200
Roper Industries, Inc.....	7.2	23.1	3.6	200
Dover Corporation.....	13.0	19.3	3.0	200

PRINCIPAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES  
 April 1 to June 30, 2008  
 (Unaudited)  
 (Common Stock unless specified otherwise)

	Number of Shares		
	Purchased	Sold	Held June 30, 2008
	-----	----	----
American International Group, Inc.....	100,000		200,000
Arbinet-thexchange, Inc.....	95,000		1,100,000
Berry Petroleum Company.....		75,000	300,000
Cameco Corporation.....	10,000		10,000
Carlisle Companies Incorporated.....	50,000		200,000
General Electric Company.....	100,000		100,000
Murphy Oil Corporation.....		10,000	400,000
NewStar Financial, Inc.....	150,000		150,000
Nexen Inc.....		20,000	300,000
Precision Castparts Corp.....	22,100		91,100
Rohm and Haas Company.....		10,000	140,000
The TriZetto Group, Inc.....		730,000	240,000
Vical Incorporated.....	90,000		260,000
Xerox Corporation.....	200,000		900,000

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DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS  
 June 30, 2008  
 (Unaudited)

	Percent of Net As				
	Issues	Cost	Value	June 30, 2008	Decemb 200
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Common Stocks:					

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Insurance.....	4	\$12,153,846	\$146,611,500	23.0%	23.
Energy.....	7	51,779,271	129,169,700	20.2	16.
Electronics.....	8	84,453,155	119,703,496	18.8	20.
Manufacturing.....	6	43,321,843	89,888,775	14.1	14.
Banking and Finance.....	3	21,416,971	45,037,620	7.0	8.
Information Technology Services.....	3	39,301,882	43,504,888	6.7	7.
Other.....	7	21,317,961	25,564,533	4.0	4.
Short-Term Investments.....	3	39,327,668	39,327,668	6.2	5.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Six Mos. Ended June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)	2007	2006	2005	2004
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Per Share Operating Performance					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$30.15	\$30.05	\$27.65	\$26.44	\$24.32
Net investment income*.....	.22	.38	.36	.28	.11
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on securities*.....	(.31)	2.12	4.26	2.93	3.33
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Total from investment operations.....	(.09)	2.50	4.62	3.21	3.44
Less:					
Dividends from net investment income	.15	.37	.36	.28	.11
Distributions from capital gains...	.05	2.03	1.86	1.72	1.21
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Total distributions.....	.20	2.40	2.22	2.00	1.32
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Net asset value, end of period.....	\$29.86	\$30.15	\$30.05	\$27.65	\$26.44
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Per share market value, end of period	\$25.80	\$26.84	\$26.65	\$23.80	\$22.85
Total investment return, market(%)	(4.78)	9.86	21.31	14.04	16.16
Total investment return, NAV(%)....	(0.32)	9.35	18.55	13.75	15.40
Ratios/Supplemental Data:					
Net assets, end of period(000).....	\$638,415	\$644,823	\$617,167	\$573,980	\$529,469
Ratio of expenses to average net assets(%).....	.50+	.59	.53	.54	.55
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets(%).....	1.01+	1.21	1.23	1.02	.41
Portfolio turnover rate(%).....	7.48	19.58	17.55	15.83	16.72

\* Per-share data are 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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(Unaudited)

PORTFOLIO SECURITIES 93.8%  
STOCKS (COMMON UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE)

Prin. Amt. or Shares -----		Value -----
	Banking and Finance 7.0%	
825,475	The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation.....	\$ 31,227,720
340,000	Capital One Financial Corporation.....	12,923,400
150,000	NewStar Financial, Inc. (a).....	886,500
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		45,037,620
	Business Services 0.2%	
75,000	Heritage-Crystal Clean Inc. (a).....	990,000
		-----
	Chemicals 1.0%	
140,000	Rohm and Haas Company.....	6,501,600
		-----
	Communications 0.7%	
1,100,000	Arbinet-thexchange, Inc. (a).....	4,268,000
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	Electronics 18.8%	
942,400	Agilent Technologies, Inc. (a).....	33,492,896
430,000	Analog Devices, Inc.....	13,661,100
850,000	Coherent, Inc. (a).....	25,406,500
630,000	Flextronics International Ltd. (a).....	5,922,000
900,000	Intel Corporation.....	19,332,000
350,000	Motorola, Inc.....	2,569,000
1,000,000	Radisys Corporation (a).....	9,060,000
3,000,000	Sonus Networks, Inc. (a).....	10,260,000
		-----
		119,703,496
	Energy 20.2%	
300,000	Berry Petroleum Company, Class A.....	17,664,000
10,000	Cameco Corporation.....	428,700
200,000	Devon Energy Corporation.....	24,032,000
1,900,000	GeoMet, Inc. (a).....	18,012,000
650,000	McMoRan Exploration Co. (a).....	17,888,000
400,000	Murphy Oil Corporation.....	39,220,000
300,000	Nexen Inc.....	11,925,000
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		129,169,700
	Health Care 1.0%	
110,000	Abbott Laboratories.....	5,826,700
260,000	Vical Incorporated (a).....	876,200
		-----
		6,702,900
	Information Technology Services 6.7%	
1,730,800	Convergys Corporation (a).....	25,719,688
240,000	The TriZetto Group, Inc. (a).....	5,131,200
900,000	Xerox Corporation.....	12,204,000
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		43,054,888

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Prin. Amt. or Shares		Value
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	Insurance 23.0%	
200,000	American International Group, Inc.....	\$5,292,000
10,000	Erie Indemnity Company, Class A.....	461,500
70,000	The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc., Class A (b) (c)	140,000,000
2,000	White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd.....	858,000
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		146,611,500
		-----
	Manufacturing 14.1%	
875,600	Brady Corporation, Class A.....	30,234,468
200,000	Carlisle Companies Incorporated.....	5,800,000
400,000	Dover Corporation.....	19,348,000
100,000	General Electric Company.....	2,669,000
91,100	Precision Castparts Corp.....	8,779,307
350,000	Roper Industries, Inc.....	23,058,000
		-----
		89,888,775
		-----
	Retailing 1.1%	
28,751	Aerogroup International, Inc. (a) (c).....	600,033
200,000	Walgreen Co.....	6,502,000
		-----
		7,102,033
		-----
	Total Portfolio Securities	
	(cost \$273,744,929) (d).....	599,030,512
		-----
	SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 6.2%	
	Commercial Paper 3.1%	
11,079,000	General Electric Capital Corporation 2.05% - 2.07%	
	due 7/23/08 - 7/30/08.....	11,063,586
8,954,000	Toyota Motor Corporation 2.04% - 2.16%	
	due 7/2/08 - 7/16/08.....	8,950,506
		-----
		20,014,092
		-----
	U.S. Government Agency Obligations 3.1%	
19,403,000	Federal Home Loan Bank 1.98% - 2.12%	
	due 8/8/08 - 10/17/08.....	19,313,576
		-----
	Total Short-Term Investments	
	(cost \$39,327,668) (d).....	39,327,668
		-----
	Total Investments (100.0%).....	638,358,180
	Cash, receivables and other assets	
	less liabilities (0.0%).....	57,149
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Net Assets (100%)..... \$638,415,329  
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- (a) Non-dividend paying.  
 (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.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

June 30, 2008  
 (Unaudited)

ASSETS:

Investments:

General portfolio securities at market value (cost \$271,544,943).....	\$459,030,512	
Securities of affiliated companies (cost \$2,199,986) (Notes 6 and 7).....	140,000,000	
Short-term investments (cost \$39,327,668).....	39,327,668	\$638,358,
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Cash, receivables and other assets:

Cash.....	11,615	
Dividends and interest receivable.....	100,883	
Office equipment and leasehold improvements, net.....	270,560	
Other assets.....	102,621	485,
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Total Assets.....		638,843,
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LIABILITIES:

Payable for securities purchased.....	186,433	
Accrued expenses and reserves.....	242,097	
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Total Liabilities.....		428,
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NET ASSETS.....		\$638,415,
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NET ASSETS are represented by:

Common Stock \$1 par value: authorized 30,000,000 shares; issued 21,385,882 (Note 3).....		\$21,385,
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Surplus:

Paid-in.....	\$265,303,938	
Undistributed net gain on sales of investments.....	22,304,981	
Undistributed net investment income.....	4,365,547	291,974,
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Net unrealized appreciation of investments.....		325,285,
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Treasury stock, at cost (9,100 shares of Common Stock) (Note 3).....		(230,
		-----

NET ASSETS.....		\$638,415,
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NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE

(21,376,782 shares outstanding).....

\$29.86

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the six months ended June 30, 2008  
(Unaudited)

INVESTMENT INCOME

Income:

Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$3,539)..... \$ 5,749,204

Interest..... 529,811

\$6,279,

Expenses:

Investment research..... 449,375

Administration and operations..... 399,125

Occupancy costs..... 217,945

Franchise and miscellaneous taxes..... 102,813

Directors' fees..... 76,150

Insurance..... 62,273

Stationery, supplies, printing and postage..... 61,220

Listing, software and sundry fees..... 52,119

Legal, auditing and tax fees..... 39,974

Travel and telephone..... 32,864

Transfer agent and registrar fees and expenses..... 18,703

Custodian fees..... 18,400

Miscellaneous..... 44,490

1,575,

Net investment income.....

4,703,

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)

ON INVESTMENTS

Net realized gain from investment transactions..... 24,660,810

Net decrease in unrealized appreciation of investments..... (31,265,811)

Net loss on investments.....

(6,605,

NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM

OPERATIONS.....

(\$1,901,

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

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For the six months ended June 30, 2008  
and the year ended December 31, 2007

	Six months ended June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)	Year end December 2007
	-----	-----
FROM OPERATIONS:		
Net investment income.....	\$ 4,703,564	\$ 7,817,
Net realized gain on investments.....	24,660,810	42,124,
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation of investments.....	(31,265,811)	4,626,
	-----	-----
Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations.....	(1,901,437)	54,568,
	-----	-----
DISTRIBUTIONS TO STOCKHOLDERS FROM:		
Net investment income.....	(3,186,068)	(7,557,9
Net realized gain from investment transactions.....	(1,089,288)	(41,733,
	-----	-----
Decrease in net assets from distributions.....	(4,275,356)	(49,291,
	-----	-----
FROM CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS: (Note 3)		
Distribution to stockholders reinvested in Common Stock.....	--	22,378,
Cost of shares of Common Stock repurchased.....	(230,602)	
	-----	-----
Increase (decrease) in net assets from capital share transactions.....	(230,602)	22,378,
	-----	-----
Total increase (decrease) in net assets.....	(6,407,395)	27,655,
NET ASSETS:		
Beginning of period.....	644,822,724	617,167,
	-----	-----
End of period (including undistributed net investment income of \$4,365,547 and \$491,609, respectively).....	\$638,415,329	\$644,822,
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended June 30, 2008  
(Unaudited)

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net decrease in net assets from operations.....		(\$1,901,
Adjustments to net decrease in net assets from operations:		
Purchase of securities.....	(\$44,398,788)	

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Proceeds from securities sold.....	49,768,115	
Net purchase of short-term investments.....	(5,614,543)	
Net realized gain from investments.....	(24,645,326)	
Decrease in unrealized appreciation.....	31,265,811	
Depreciation and amortization.....	40,348	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Increase in dividends and interest receivable.....	(58,830)	
Increase in other assets.....	(21,814)	
Increase in payable for securities purchased.....	186,433	
Decrease in accrued expenses and reserves.....	(124,986)	
	-----	
Total adjustments.....		6,396,
		-----
Net cash provided by operating activities.....		4,494,
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Dividends paid.....	(4,275,356)	
Treasury shares repurchased.....	(230,602)	
	-----	
Cash flows used in financing activities.....		(4,505,
		-----
Net decrease in cash.....		(10,
Cash at beginning of period.....		22,
		-----
Cash at end of period.....		\$ 11,
		=====

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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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 sale or official closing price or, if unavailable, at the closing bid price. 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. Therefore, no Federal income taxes have been accrued.

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.

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Dividend income and distributions to stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is accrued daily.

2. Fair Value Measurements -- Effective January 1, 2008, the Corporation adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" ("FAS 157"). FAS 157 establishes a disclosure framework which prioritizes and ranks the level of market price observability used in determining the fair value of investments as follows:

- o Level 1 -- Fair value is determined based on market data obtained from independent sources; for example, quoted prices in active markets for identical investments. The Corporation's Level 1 investments consist of equity securities listed on a national securities exchange or NASDAQ national market.
- o Level 2 -- Fair value is determined using other significant observable assumptions obtained from independent sources; for example quoted prices for similar investments or the use of models or other valuation methodologies. The Corporation's Level 2 investments consist of short-term investments, carried at amortized cost.
- o Level 3 -- Fair value is determined using significant unobservable inputs including the Corporation's own assumptions based upon the best information available. Investments categorized as Level 3 include situations 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.

In certain cases, the inputs used to determine fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the hierarchy is based on the least observable input that is significant to fair value. The inputs used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The Corporation's investments as of June 30, 2008 are classified as follows:

Valuation Inputs	Investments in Securities
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Level 1	\$458,430,479
Level 2	39,327,668
Level 3	140,600,033
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Total	\$638,358,180
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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- continued (unaudited)

The following is a reconciliation of assets in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value:

Balance as of December 31, 2007	\$149,173,114
Change in unrealized appreciation of investments	(8,573,081)
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Balance as of June 30, 2008	\$140,600,033
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No Level 3 investments were purchased, sold or transferred to Level 1 or Level 2 during the six months ended June 30, 2008.

3. Common Stock -- The Corporation repurchased 9,100 shares of its Common Stock in the first six months of 2008 at an average price of \$25.34 per share, representing an average discount from net asset value of 13.09%. 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 and available for optional 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, 2008, excluding short-term investments, were \$44,398,788 and \$49,783,599, respectively.

As of June 30, 2008, based on cost for Federal income tax purposes, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation for all securities were \$346,629,267 and \$21,343,684, respectively.

5. Operating Expenses -- The aggregate remuneration paid during the six months ended June 30, 2008 to officers and directors amounted to \$856,000, of which \$76,000 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, 2008.

6. 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, 2008, the Corporation received dividends of \$3,019,100 from affiliates. Unrealized appreciation related to affiliates decreased by \$8,400,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2008 to \$137,800,014. 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. On June 30, 2008 such investments had an aggregate value of \$140,600,033, which was equal to 22.0% of the Corporation's net assets. Investments in restricted securities at June 30, 2008, including acquisition dates and cost, were:

Company	Shares	Security	Date Acquired	Co
Aerogroup International, Inc.	28,751	Common Stock	6/21/05	\$17
The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc.	60,000	Class A Stock	12/15/82	1,500
The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc.	10,000	Class A Stock	6/9/84	699

The Corporation does not have the right to demand registration of the restricted securities.

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 \$2.2 million. The lease agreement contains escalation clauses relating to operating costs and real property taxes. Future minimum rental commitments under the lease are

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\$314,241 for 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, 2008, and the related statements of operations, changes in net assets, cash flows and financial highlights for the six-month period ended June 30, 2008. These interim financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the management of Central Securities Corporation.

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 accompanying 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, 2007 and financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2007, and in our report dated January 25, 2008 we expressed an unqualified opinion on such statement of changes in net assets and financial highlights.

KPMG LLP

New York, NY  
July 22, 2008

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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.centralsecurities.com](http://www.centralsecurities.com) under Contact Us.

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## Annual Meeting of Stockholders

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Corporation was held on March 12, 2008. 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, 19,503,295 shares in favor, 537,684 withheld; Donald G. Calder, 19,462,341 shares in favor, 578,638 shares withheld; Jay R. Inglis, 19,503,033 shares in favor, 535,946 shares withheld; Dudley D. Johnson, 19,514,882 shares in favor, 526,097 shares withheld; Wilmot H. Kidd, 19,511,993 shares in favor, 528,986 shares withheld; and C. Carter Walker, Jr., 19,509,804 shares in favor, 531,175 shares withheld.

In addition, the selection of KPMG LLP as independent auditors of the Corporation for the year 2008 was ratified by the following vote of the holders of the Common Stock: 19,492,179 shares in favor, 491,479 shares against, 57,321 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, 2008 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](http://www.centalsecurities.com) and (3) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://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](http://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

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

## OFFICERS

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

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INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM  
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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. 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.

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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
Month #1 (January 1 through January 31)	0	NA	NA

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Month #2 (February 1 through February 28)	0	NA	NA
Month #3 (March 1 through March 31)	0	NA	NA
Month #4 (April 1 through April 30)	9,100	\$25.34	NA
Month #5 (May 1 through May 31)	0	NA	NA
Month #6 (June 1 through June 30)	0	NA	NA
Total	9,100	\$25.34	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, 2008.

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.

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Central Securities Corporation

By: /s/ Wilmot H. Kidd  
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Wilmot H. Kidd  
President

July 25, 2008  
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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  
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Wilmot H. Kidd  
President

July 25, 2008  
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Date

By: /s/ Charles N. Edgerton  
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Charles N. Edgerton  
Treasurer

July 25, 2008  
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Date