

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORP
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CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

INTERIM REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

AS OF MARCH 31, 2003

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To the Stockholders of

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION:

Financial data for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 and other pertinent information prepared by management without audit by independent auditors are submitted herewith.

Comparative net assets are as follows:

| | Mar. 31, 2003 | Dec. 31, 2002 | Mar. 31, 2002 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Net assets | \$349,194,110 | \$361,942,568 | \$541,877,284 |
| Net assets per share of Common Stock | 18.18 | 18.72 | 28.18 |
| Shares of Common Stock outstanding | 19,207,784 | 19,337,284 | 18,854,400 |

Comparative operating results are as follows:

| | Three months ended March 31, | |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | ---- | ---- |
| Net investment income | \$ 880,683 | \$ 963,277 |
| Per share of Common Stock | .05* | .05 |
| Net realized gain on sale of investments | 5,410,861 | 18,139,858 |
| Decrease in net unrealized appreciation of investments | (17,010,940) | (15,578,590) |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | (10,719,396) | 3,524,545 |

* 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 12, 2003 with 94% of Common shares being represented. At the meeting the Board

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of Directors was reelected and the selection of KPMG LLP as auditors of the Corporation for the year 2003 was ratified. Detailed information will be published in the June 30, 2003 Semi-Annual Report.

In the quarter ended March 31, 2003 the Corporation repurchased 129,500 shares of its Common Stock at an average price per share of \$15.67. 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, 2003
(Common Stock unless specified otherwise)

| | Number of Shares | | |
|---|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| | Purchased | Sold | Held March 31, 2003 |
| American International Group, Inc. | 100,000 | | 100,000 |
| Analog Devices, Inc. | | 50,000 | 550,000 |
| ArvinMeritor, Inc. | 60,000 | | 580,000 |
| AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. | | 200,000 | -- |
| Duke Energy Corporation | 10,000 | | 110,000 |
| HSBC Holdings plc | 53,500 (a) | | 53,500 |
| Household International, Inc. | | 200,000 (b) | -- |
| Intel Corporation | | 10,000 | 1,110,000 |
| Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. | 50,000 | | 50,000 |
| Murphy Oil Corporation | | 120,000 | 300,000 |
| PartnerRe Ltd. | | 50,000 | -- |
| ProBusiness Services, Inc. | | 240,000 | -- |
| Schering-Plough Corporation | 140,000 | | 300,000 |
| The TriZetto Group, Inc. | 470,000 | | 900,000 |

* Excludes "Other Investments".

(a) Received in exchange for 100,000 shares of Household International, Inc.

(b) 100,000 shares exchanged for 53,500 shares of HSBC Holdings plc.

TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS

| March 31, 2003 | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Cost | Value | % of Net Assets | Year First Acquired |
| ----- (millions) ----- | | | |

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|---|--------|--------|-------|------|
| The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. | \$ 2.2 | \$42.0 | 12.0% | 1982 |
| American Management Systems, Inc. | 22.2 | 19.6 | 5.6 | 1984 |
| Intel Corporation | .5 | 18.1 | 5.2 | 1986 |
| Analog Devices, Inc. | .7 | 15.1 | 4.3 | 1990 |
| Capital One Financial Corporation | 2.5 | 15.0 | 4.3 | 1994 |
| Brady Corporation | 2.4 | 14.7 | 4.2 | 1984 |
| Murphy Oil Corporation | 3.1 | 13.3 | 3.8 | 1974 |
| SunGard Data Systems, Inc. | 6.7 | 12.6 | 3.6 | 1999 |
| The Bank of New York Company, Inc. | 4.4 | 12.3 | 3.5 | 1993 |
| Flextronics International, Ltd. | 4.4 | 11.8 | 3.4 | 1996 |

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