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Form N-Q  
October 20, 2009

United States  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF  
REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-00179

Central Securities Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)  
630 Fifth Avenue, Suite 820  
New York, N.Y. 10111  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: 212-698-2020

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2009

Item 1. Schedule of Investments.

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION  
Statement of Investments  
September 30, 2009  
(Unaudited)

PORTFOLIO SECURITIES 91.1%  
STOCKS (COMMON UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE)

Prin.Amt. or Shares -----		Value -----
	Banking and Finance 4.2%	
675,000	The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation.....	\$19,568,250
150,000	NewStar Financial, Inc. (a).....	493,500
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		20,061,750
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	Business Services 0.2%	
100,000	Heritage-Crystal Clean Inc. (a).....	1,275,000
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	Communications 1.6%	
1,000,000	Arbinet-thexchange, Inc. (a).....	2,350,000
200,000	AT&T Inc.....	5,402,000
40,000	Vodafone Group PLC.....	900,000
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		7,752,000
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	Electronics 20.5%	
920,000	Agilent Technologies, Inc. (a).....	25,603,600
370,000	Analog Devices, Inc.....	10,204,600
831,000	Coherent, Inc. (a).....	19,378,920
630,000	Flextronics International Inc. (a).....	4,706,100
710,000	Intel Corporation.....	13,894,700

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300,000	Maxim Integrated Products, Inc.....	5,442,000
350,000	Motorola, Inc.....	3,006,500
1,000,000	RadiSys Corporation (a).....	8,690,000
3,230,000	Sonus Networks, Inc. (a).....	6,847,600
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		97,774,020
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	Energy 10.8%	
300,000	Berry Petroleum Company Class A.....	8,034,000
200,000	Devon Energy Corporation.....	13,466,000
2,000,000	GeoMet, Inc. (a).....	3,380,000
670,000	McMoRan Exploration Co. (a).....	5,058,500
300,000	Murphy Oil Corporation.....	17,271,000
200,000	Nexen Inc.....	4,514,000
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		51,723,500
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	Health Care 2.3%	
120,000	Abbott Laboratories.....	5,936,400
100,000	Medtronic, Inc.....	3,680,000
260,000	Vical Inc. (a).....	1,107,600
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		10,724,000
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	Information Technology Services 5.1 %	
1,700,000	Convergys Corporation (a).....	16,898,000
960,000	Xerox Corporation.....	7,430,400
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		24,328,400
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Prin.Amt. or Shares		Value
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	Insurance 29.5%	
10,000	Erie Indemnity Co. Class A.....	\$ 374,600
70,000	The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. Class A (b) (c) (d).....	140,000,000
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		140,374,600
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	Manufacturing 14.6%	
770,000	Brady Corporation Class A.....	22,114,400
200,000	Carlisle Companies Inc.....	6,782,000
400,000	Dover Corporation.....	15,504,000
200,000	General Electric Co.....	3,284,000
100,000	Precision Castparts Corporation.....	10,187,000
230,000	Roper Industries, Inc.....	11,725,400
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		69,596,800
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	Retailing 1.9%	
28,751	AeroGroup International, Inc. (a) (c) (d).....	324,886
230,000	Walgreen Co.....	8,618,100
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		8,942,986
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	Miscellaneous 0.4%	
	Other Investments (e).....	1,810,334
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	Total Portfolio Securities	
	(cost \$270,486,570).....	434,363,390
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	SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 8.9%	
	Money Market Fund 2.6%	
12,420,746	Fidelity Institutional Money Market Government Portfolio 0.10%.....	12,381,221
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	U.S. Treasury Obligations 6.3%	
31,130,000	U.S. Treasury Bills 0.16% - 0.26% due 10/22/09 - 3/11/10.....	30,001,476
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	Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$42,382,697).....	42,382,697
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	Total Investments (cost \$312,869,267) (100.0%).....	476,746,087
	Cash, receivables and other assets less liabilities (0.0%).....	(147,004)
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	Net Assets (100%).....	\$476,599,083
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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) Restricted security. See footnote 3.
- (e) Securities which have been held less than one year which have not been previously disclosed and are not restricted.

See accompanying notes to statement of investments.

### CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION NOTES TO STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

1. Security Valuation - Securities are valued at the last sale price or, if unavailable, at the closing bid price. Corporate discount notes are valued at amortized cost, which approximates value. Securities for which no ready market exists are valued at estimated fair value by the Board of Directors.

As of September 30, 2009, the tax cost of investments was \$312,869,267. Net unrealized appreciation was \$163,876,820 consisting of gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of \$222,480,584 and \$58,603,764, respectively.

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

- o 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 or NASDAQ national market and money market funds;
- o Level 2 - Other significant observable data obtained from

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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 - 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 methodology used for valuing securities is not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The Corporation's investments as of September 30, 2009 are classified as follows:

Valuation Inputs	Investments in Securities
Level 1	\$306,419,725
Level 2	30,001,476
Level 3	140,324,886
	\$476,746,087
	\$476,746,087

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

Balance at December 31, 2008	\$126,385,838
Change in unrealized appreciation of investments	13,939,048
	\$140,324,886
Balance at September 30, 2009	\$140,324,886

No Level 3 investments were purchased, sold or transferred to Level 1 or Level 2 during the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

3. Restricted Securities - The Corporation has from time to time invested in securities the resale of which is restricted. On September 30, 2009, such investments had an aggregate value of \$140,324,886, which was equal to 29.4% of the Corporation's net assets. Investments in restricted securities at September 30, 2009 were:

Company	Shares	Security	Date Purchased	Cost
AeroGroup International, Inc.	28,751	Common Stock	6/14/05	\$17,200
The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc.	60,000	Class A Common Stock	12/15/82	1,500,000
The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc.	10,000	Class A Common Stock	6/9/84	699,986

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

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

(a) Disclosure Controls and Procedures. The Principal Executive and Financial Officers have concluded that the

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Registrant's Disclosure Controls and Procedures 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) Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. During the last fiscal quarter, there was no significant change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

(a) Certifications.

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

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President

Date: October 20, 2009

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 capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Wilmot H. Kidd

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President

Date: October 20, 2009

By: /s/ Charles N. Edgerton

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Vice President and Treasurer

Date: October 20, 2009