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Central Fund of Canada Limited (symbols: AMEX-CEF, TORONTO-CEF.NV.A and CEF.NV.U) has today released selected comparative financial information relating to net assets and results of operations for the six-months ended April 30, 2005.

CENTRAL FUND OF CANADA LIMITED
Statement of Net Assets
(expressed in U.S. dollars, unaudited)

	April 30 2005	October 31 2004
Net assets:		
Gold bullion at market, average cost \$246,833,606 (2004: \$206,043,206)	\$ 269,955,954	222,814,301
Silver bullion at market, average cost \$216,589,466 (2004: \$181,213,467)	216,196,524	187,403,793
Marketable securities at market, average cost \$89,430 (2004: \$89,430)	54,129	68,221
Interest-bearing cash deposits	11,779,750	9,482,536
Prepaid insurance, interest receivable and other	29,014	81,351
	498,015,371	419,850,202
Accrued liabilities	(648,042)	(707,660)
Dividends payable	-	(792,963)
	\$ 497,367,329	418,349,579
Represented by:		
Capital stock:		
94,296,320 (2004: 79,296,320) Class A shares issued	\$ 452,615,394	371,711,394
40,000 Common shares issued	19,458	19,458
	452,634,852	371,730,852
Contributed surplus	22,038,372	23,678,513
Retained earnings inclusive of unrealized appreciation of investments	22,694,105	22,940,214
	\$ 497,367,329	418,349,579
Net asset value per share (expressed in U.S. dollars):		
Class A shares	\$ 5.27	5.27
Common shares	\$ 2.27	2.27
Net asset value per share (expressed in Canadian dollars):		
Class A shares	\$ 6.63	6.44
Common shares	\$ 2.86	2.78
Exchange rate:	U.S. \$1.00 = Cdn. \$ 1.2569	1.2207

The change in net assets as reported in U.S. dollars from period to period is primarily a result of the changing market prices of gold and silver and the proportion of each held by the Company. Also, because gold and silver are initially denominated in U.S. dollars, changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the Canadian dollar will also have an impact on net assets when reported in Canadian dollars.

CENTRAL FUND OF CANADA LIMITED

Statement of Income

(expressed in U.S. dollars, unaudited)

	Six months ended April 30		Three months ended April 30	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Income:				
Interest	\$ 104,202	22,240	\$ 54,180	12,489
Dividends	764	281	634	184
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	(246,109)	(4,858,732)	16,442,524	(26,653,548)
	(141,143)	(4,836,211)	16,497,338	(26,640,875)
Expenses:				
Administration fees	772,802	484,508	385,984	270,943
Shareholders' Information	186,755	126,962	110,809	72,563
Safekeeping, insurance and bank charges	154,064	100,159	86,810	56,296
Professional fees	89,035	29,543	72,870	19,977
Directors' fees and expenses	47,834	26,269	20,569	10,942
Registrar and transfer agents' fees	47,275	28,220	38,287	21,550
Miscellaneous	611	971	312	625
Foreign exchange (gain) loss	31,132	14,786	35	6,785
	1,329,508	811,418	715,676	459,681
Income (loss) before income taxes	(1,470,651)	(5,647,629)	15,781,662	(27,100,556)
Income taxes	(415,599)	(332,511)	(202,487)	(175,099)
Net income (loss)	\$(1,886,250)	(5,980,140)	\$15,579,175	(27,275,655)
Net income (loss) per share:				
Class A shares	\$ (.02)	(.08)	\$.17	(.39)
Common shares	\$ (.02)	(.08)	\$.17	(.39)

The net loss (inclusive of unrealized depreciation of investments) for the six months ended April 30, 2005 was \$1,886,250 compared to \$5,980,140 for the same period in 2004. Since April 30, 2004, net assets have increased by approximately \$128,321,080 or 35%. The Company has used the bulk of the proceeds of the two Class A share issues over the past twelve months to purchase gold and silver bullion, primarily in bar form. Certain expenses, such as administration fees that are scaled, and together with income taxes, vary in proportion to net asset levels, or, in the case of stock exchange fees (included in shareholder information), with the number of Class A shares issued. Safekeeping fees and bullion insurance costs increased as a result of the purchases of additional physical gold and silver bullion. Administration fees remitted to The Central Group Alberta Limited for the six months increased to \$772,802 from \$484,508, such increase being at the rate of one-quarter of one percent per annum on the increased assets under administration. The Company incurred fees totaling \$45,739 (2004: \$10,806) to a legal firm of which one of the Company's directors is a partner. Professional fees increased as a result of legal and audit work required to adopt recently imposed accounting guidelines and corporate governance rules and regulations.

Despite an increase in overall expense levels, the operating expenses (which exclude income taxes) as a percentage of average net assets, declined to 0.26% for the six months ended April 30, 2005 compared to 0.28% for the same six-month period in 2004. For the twelve months ended April 30, 2005, the operating expense ratio was 0.49% compared to 0.57% for the prior twelve-month period.

Central Fund of Canada Limited operates as an investment holding company which invests primarily in long-term holdings of segregated and unencumbered gold and silver bullion and does not actively speculate with regard to short-term changes in gold and silver prices. At April 30, 2005, the Class A shares of Central Fund were backed 97.7% by gold and silver bullion and may be purchased, held and sold with ease on either the American Stock Exchange (CEF) or The Toronto Stock Exchange (CEF.NV.A).

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