

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WONG IRWIN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
777 NORTH BROADWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/25/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP - Chief Risk Officer

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	10/25/2013		M	5,000 A \$ 24.8	24,883.66	D	
Common Stock	10/25/2013		S	5,000 D \$ 25.45	19,883.66 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					16,768	I	By ESOP

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Option	\$ 24.8	10/25/2013		M	5,000	11/20/2004 ⁽²⁾	11/20/2013	Common Stock	138,000
Stock Option	\$ 37					02/17/2006 ⁽²⁾	02/17/2015	Common Stock	32,580
Stock Option	\$ 36.24					01/25/2007 ⁽²⁾	01/25/2016	Common Stock	31,000
Stock Option	\$ 23.37					02/21/2009 ⁽²⁾	02/21/2018	Common Stock	20,000
Restricted Stock Units	⁽³⁾					⁽⁴⁾	⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	4,770
Restricted Stock Units	⁽³⁾					⁽⁵⁾	⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock	3,810
Restricted Stock Units	⁽³⁾					⁽⁶⁾	⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock	6,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WONG IRWIN 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012	EVP - Chief Risk Officer

Signatures

Monica Chen,
attorney-in-fact

10/25/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Includes 7.997 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment year-to-date.

(2) The option is fully exercisable.

(3) Consists of long term restricted stock units within the meaning of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder ("EESA"). Each unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of CATY Common Stock.

(4) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on December 15, 2013, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.

(5) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on May 8, 2014, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.

(6) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on December 20, 2014, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.

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