

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 *
CHEN HENG W

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)
11/14/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP/CFO

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	11/14/2016		M		12,000	A	\$ 23.37 73,940.37
Common Stock	11/14/2016		S		12,000	D	\$ 35.1891 61,940.37
Common Stock	11/15/2016		M		22,000	A	\$ 23.37 83,940.37
Common Stock	11/15/2016		S		22,000	D	\$ 35.2352 61,940.37
Common Stock	11/16/2016		M		10,000	A	\$ 23.37 71,940.37

Common Stock 11/16/2016 S 10,000 D \$ 35.0418 61,940.37 ⁽¹⁾ D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Option	\$ 23.37	11/14/2016		M	12,000	02/21/2009 ⁽²⁾ 02/21/2018	Common Stock	12,000	
Stock Option	\$ 23.37	11/15/2016		M	22,000	02/21/2009 ⁽²⁾ 02/21/2018	Common Stock	22,000	
Stock Option	\$ 23.37	11/16/2016		M	10,000	02/21/2009 ⁽²⁾ 02/21/2018	Common Stock	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHEN HENG W 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012			EVP/CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Monica Chen,
attorney-in-fact
Date: 11/16/2016
**Signature of Reporting Person

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 188.71 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment year-to-date

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(2) The option is fully exercisable.

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