

Lee Mark Hakjooon
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FORM 4

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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 *
Lee Mark Hakjooon

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)
03/09/2018

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

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Inst
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	03/09/2018	A	263					<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	263	\$
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	03/09/2018	A	4,566					<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	4,566	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lee Mark Hakjooon 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012			EVP, Chief Credit Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Georgia Lo,
attorney-in-fact

03/13/2018

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock upon vesting.

(2) On March 9, 2018, the Issuer granted to the Reporting Person 263 restricted stock units that will vest, in full, on March 9, 2019, or immediately upon the death, disability or retirement of the Reporting Person, or a change in control of the Issuer.

(3) On March 9, 2018, the Issuer granted the Reporting Person an additional 4,566 restricted stock units. These restricted stock units will vest, in full, in a single installment on March 9, 2021, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment with the Issuer or its bank subsidiary at the time of vesting; provided that, if the Reporting Person dies, suffers a permanent disability or terminates his employment on account of retirement prior to the vesting date, then the number of common stock otherwise issuable upon vesting of the restricted stock units shall be prorated to reflect the period from the grant date to the date of any such termination of employment of the Reporting Person.

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