

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Form 4

February 25, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEE PATRICK

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)
02/21/2008

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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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Person

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)
Common Stock			Code V	Amount (D) Price	244,182	I	Family Trust

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

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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 or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 10.625							01/20/2001 ⁽¹⁾	01/20/2010	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option	\$ 15.0475							01/18/2002 ⁽¹⁾	01/18/2011	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option	\$ 16.275							02/21/2003 ⁽¹⁾	02/21/2012	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option	\$ 19.925							01/16/2004 ⁽¹⁾	01/16/2013	Common Stock	3,800
Stock Option	\$ 24.8							11/20/2004 ⁽²⁾	11/20/2013	Common Stock	11,000
Stock Option	\$ 37							02/17/2006 ⁽³⁾	02/17/2015	Common Stock	3,500
Stock Option	\$ 36.24							01/25/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	01/25/2016	Common Stock	3,500
Stock Option	\$ 23.37	02/21/2008		A		3,500		02/21/2009 ⁽⁵⁾	02/21/2018	Common Stock	3,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
LEE PATRICK 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012	X

Signatures

Patrick S.D. Lee 02/25/2008

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- (1) The option is fully exercisable.
- (2) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 11/20/04.
- (3) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/17/06.
- (4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/25/07.
- (5) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/09.

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