

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Form 4

April 16, 2013

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CHEN HENG W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

777 NORTH BROADWAY

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/12/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
EVP/CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 04/12/2013                              |                                                             | A                                    | 289 <sup>(1)</sup> A                                                       | \$ 0 11,613                                                                                                        | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                            | 29,844                                                                                                             | 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) |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date | Title                                                         | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 24.8                                                |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 11/20/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 11/20/2013      | Common Stock                                                  | 19,896                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 37                                                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 02/17/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 02/17/2015      | Common Stock                                                  | 40,100                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 36.24                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 01/25/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 01/25/2016      | Common Stock                                                  | 45,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 23.37                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 02/21/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 02/21/2018      | Common Stock                                                  | 44,000                     |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(3)</sup>                                         |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | <sup>(4)</sup>                                           | <sup>(4)</sup>  | Common Stock                                                  | 6,057                      |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(3)</sup>                                         |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | <sup>(5)</sup>                                           | <sup>(5)</sup>  | Common Stock                                                  | 4,819                      |
| Ristricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(3)</sup>                                         |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | <sup>(6)</sup>                                           | <sup>(6)</sup>  | Common Stock                                                  | 7,988                      |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Monica Chen,  
attorney-in-fact

04/16/2013

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

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Shares of Cathay General Banorp (the "Company") common stock acquired under the Company's 2005 Incentive Plan. As a condition to receiving these shares, the reporting person agreed to hold and not transfer, for the entire period during which the Company has any

(1) obligations outstanding under the U.S. Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program (disregarding any warrants to purchase common stock of the Company that the U.S. Treasury may hold) (the "Restriction Period"), all of the shares received. These transfer restrictions will terminate upon the earlier of the end of the Restriction Period or the date of the reporting person's death or permanent disability.

(2) The option is fully exercisable.

Consists of long term restricted stock units within the meaning of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, as amended from

(3) 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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