

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP
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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 *
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)
12/13/2013

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

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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	12/13/2013		<u>M</u> ⁽¹⁾	4,774 A \$ 0	24,668.194	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2013		<u>S</u> ⁽²⁾	1,771 D \$ 25.54	22,897.194 <u>(3)</u>	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)	8. Price or Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	12/13/2013		M	4,774	⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock	4,774

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Monica Chen,
attorney-in-fact

12/17/2013

**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) Represents the conversion into Common Stock upon vesting of the restricted stock units reported on Table II.
- (2) These sales were effected to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations with respect to the vesting of the restricted stock units.
- (3) Includes 18,531 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment year-to-date.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Issuer.
- (5) The reporting person previously reported the award of 4,774 shares of restricted stock units on Form 4 filed December 16, 2011. All of these restricted stock units vested on December 13, 2013.

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