#### CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Form 4/A May 21, 2008

## FORM 4

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** WONG IRWIN		9	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 777 NORTH	(First) (M	(	3. Date of Month/Da 22/21/20	ansaction			Director 10% Owner Specify below) below)  EVP - Branch Administration			
LOS ANGE	(Street)	I		ndment, Dat th/Day/Year) 008	e Original			6. Individual or Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person	•	erson
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-De	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o of (D	)	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)
Common Stock					rimount	(2)	11100	10,288.33 (1)	D	
Common								15,940.59	I	By ESOP

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number or Derivative Securities Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(A) ed of	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Option	\$ 10.625						01/20/2005(2)	01/20/2010	Common Stock	3,576
Stock Option	\$ 15.0475						01/18/2005(2)	01/18/2011	Common Stock	6,448
Stock Option	\$ 16.275						02/21/2005(2)	02/21/2012	Common Stock	11,08
Stock Option	\$ 19.925						01/16/2005(2)	01/16/2013	Common Stock	30,06
Stock Option	\$ 24.8						11/20/2004(3)	11/20/2013	Common Stock	143,04
Stock Option	\$ 37						02/17/2006(4)	02/17/2015	Common Stock	32,58
Stock Option	\$ 36.24						01/25/2007(5)	01/25/2016	Common Stock	31,00
Stock Option	\$ 23.37	02/21/2008		A	20,000		02/21/2009(6)	02/21/2018	Common Stock	20,00

# **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**

Irwin Wong	05/21/2008		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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- \* 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 21.64 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment year-to-date.
- (2) The option is fully exercisable.
- (3) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 11/20/04.
- (4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/17/06.
- (5) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/25/07.
- (6) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/09.

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