

CHENG DUNSON K
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CHENG DUNSON K

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President & CEO

777 NORTH BROADWAY

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) Amount	(D) Price			
Common Stock	04/20/2004	Â	J(1)	187.294 (2)	\$ 31.72 (2)	300,597.413 (2)	D	Â
Common Stock	07/20/2004	Â	J(1)	192.49 (2)	\$ 30.933 (2)	300,597.413 (2)	D	Â
Common Stock	10/22/2004	Â	J(1)	205.225	\$ 35.852	300,597.413 (2)	D	Â
Common Stock	12/31/2004	Â	J(3)	914 (2)	\$ 31.21 (2)	93,866 (2)	I	By ESOP

Signatures

Dunson K.
Cheng

02/03/2005

 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) Dividend Reinvestment.
- (2) Adjusted to reflect a 2-for-1 stock split effective 9/28/04.
- (3) ESOP Earning Allocation.
- (4) The option is fully exercisable.
- (5) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/20/01.
- (6) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/18/02.
- (7) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/03.
- (8) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/16/04.
- (9) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 11/20/04.

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