

CHENG DUNSON K
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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 *
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)
777 NORTH BROADWAY
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/15/2012

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

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | 08/15/2012 | | A | (A) or (D) Amount 1,568 (1) | \$ 0 7,756 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 62,660 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 102,224 | I | By ESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | 445,577 | I | Husband & Wife Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 182,452 | I | Nonmarital Shares Trust |

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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 | \$ 19.925 | | | | | 01/16/2004 ⁽²⁾ | 01/16/2013 | Common Stock | 153,060 |
| Stock Option | \$ 24.8 | | | | | 11/20/2004 ⁽²⁾ | 11/20/2013 | Common Stock | 246,940 |
| Stock Option | \$ 37 | | | | | 02/17/2006 ⁽²⁾ | 02/17/2015 | Common Stock | 154,940 |
| Stock Option | \$ 32.47 | | | | | 03/22/2005 ⁽²⁾ | 03/22/2015 | Common Stock | 245,060 |
| Stock Option | \$ 33.54 | | | | | 11/20/2005 ⁽²⁾ | 05/12/2015 | Common Stock | 264,694 |
| Stock Option | \$ 36.24 | | | | | 01/25/2007 ⁽²⁾ | 01/25/2016 | Common Stock | 154,940 |
| Stock Option | \$ 23.37 | | | | | 02/21/2009 ⁽³⁾ | 02/21/2018 | Common Stock | 154,970 |
| Stock Option | \$ 23.37 | | | | | 02/21/2009 ⁽²⁾ | 02/21/2018 | Common Stock | 100,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁵⁾ | ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock | 12,384 |
| Restricted Stock Units | ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁶⁾ | ⁽⁶⁾ | Common Stock | 21,913 |
| Restricted Stock | ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁷⁾ | ⁽⁷⁾ | Common Stock | 11,862 |

