

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 *
CHEN HENG W

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)
12/22/2014

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP/CFO

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) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/22/2014 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 7,988 A | 63,696.48 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/22/2014 | | F ⁽³⁾ | 3,002 D | \$ 60,694.48 | D | |
| | | | | | 25.33 | | |

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) | 8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 12/22/2014 | | M | 7,988 | (5) (5) | Common Stock | 7,988 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Monica Chen,
attorney-in-fact

12/23/2014

__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) Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Issuer

(3) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy minimum statutory withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units.

(4) Includes 120.50 shares acquired through dividend reinvest year-to-date.

(5) The reporting person previously reported the award of 7,988 shares of restricted stock units on Form 4 filed December 21, 2012. All of these restricted stock units vested on December 22, 2014.

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