

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)  
12/20/2012

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	19,540	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	62,660	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	102,224	I	By ESOP
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	445,577	I	Husband & Wife Trust
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	182,452	I	Nonmarital Shares Trust

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Stock Option	\$ 19.925					01/16/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/16/2013	Common Stock	153,
Stock Option	\$ 24.8					11/20/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	11/20/2013	Common Stock	246,
Stock Option	\$ 37					02/17/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2015	Common Stock	154,
Stock Option	\$ 32.47					03/22/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/22/2015	Common Stock	245,
Stock Option	\$ 33.54					11/20/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/12/2015	Common Stock	264,
Stock Option	\$ 36.24					01/25/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2016	Common Stock	154,
Stock Option	\$ 23.37					02/21/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/21/2018	Common Stock	154,
Stock Option	\$ 23.37					02/21/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/21/2018	Common Stock	100,
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(3)</sup>					<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	12,3
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(3)</sup>					<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	21,9
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(3)</sup>					<sup>(6)</sup>	<sup>(6)</sup>	Common Stock	11,8
	<sup>(3)</sup>	12/20/2012		A	30,481	<sup>(7)</sup>	<sup>(7)</sup>		30,4

