TANG ANTHONY M

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TANG ANTHONY M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify		
777 NORTH BROADWAY			(Month/Day/Year) 11/18/2011	below) below) EVP		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012				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 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial any Code

Common Stock		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock							88,520	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	11/18/2011		P	51,410	A	\$ 12.73	1,314,171.12 (1)	I	By spouse
Common Stock	11/18/2011		P	250,000	A	\$ 12.83	1,564,171.12 (1)	I	By spouse
Common Stock	11/22/2011		P	87,120	A	\$ 12.46	1,651,291.12 (1)	I	By spouse

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Common	11/22/2011	D	12 900	٨	\$ 12.4	1,665,091.12	T	By
Stock	11/22/2011	Г	13,000	A	\$ 12.4	<u>(1)</u>	1	spouse

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. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 16.275					02/21/2003(2)	02/21/2012	Common Stock	26,000
Stock Option	\$ 19.925					01/16/2004(2)	01/16/2013	Common Stock	47,500
Stock Option	\$ 24.8					11/20/2004(2)	11/20/2013	Common Stock	105,140
Stock Option	\$ 37					02/17/2006(2)	02/17/2015	Common Stock	39,820
Stock Option	\$ 36.24					01/25/2007(2)	01/25/2016	Common Stock	42,690
Stock Option	\$ 23.37					02/21/2009(3)	02/21/2018	Common Stock	44,000
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	4,846

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
	X		EVP				

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Anthony M. 11/22/2011

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Includes 560.59 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment year-to-date.
- (2) The option is fully exercisable.
- (3) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/09.
- Consists of long term restricted stock units within the meaning of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, as amended from
- (4) time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder ("EESA"). Each unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of CATY Common Stock.
- (5) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on March 23, 2013, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.

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