

TANG ANTHONY M  
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# FORM 5

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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 \*  
TANG ANTHONY M

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 of Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Senior EVP

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  
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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 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) or (D)	Amount	Price			
Common Stock							350,584	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2011		J <sup>(1)</sup>		251	A \$ 13.68	88,771	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	03/10/2011		J <sup>(2)</sup>		154.863	A \$ 16.9312	1,721,564.57	I	By spouse
Common Stock	06/10/2011		J <sup>(2)</sup>		177.776	A \$ 14.7576	1,721,564.57	I	By spouse
	09/12/2011		J <sup>(2)</sup>		227.951	A	1,721,564.57	I	

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Common Stock						\$ 11.5171			By spouse
Common Stock	12/15/2011	Â	J <sup>(2)</sup>	206.453	A	\$ 12.7274	1,721,564.57	I	By 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. 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)	
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Option	\$ 16.275	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/21/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/21/2012	Common Stock	26,000
Stock Option	\$ 19.925	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/16/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/16/2013	Common Stock	47,500
Stock Option	\$ 24.8	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/20/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	11/20/2013	Common Stock	105,100
Stock Option	\$ 37	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/17/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/17/2015	Common Stock	39,820
Stock Option	\$ 36.24	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/25/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/25/2016	Common Stock	42,690
Stock Option	\$ 23.37	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/21/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/21/2018	Common Stock	44,000
Restricted Stock Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	Â <sup>(6)</sup>	Â <sup>(6)</sup>	Common Stock	4,840
Restricted Stock Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	Â <sup>(7)</sup>	Â <sup>(7)</sup>	Common Stock	6,040

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TANG ANTHONY M 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012	X	A	A Senior EVP	A

## Signatures

Anthony M.  
Tang

02/14/2012

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) ESOP Earning Allocation.

(2) Dividend Reinvestment.

(3) The option is fully exercisable.

(4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/09.

(5) Consists of long term restricted stock units within the meaning of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, as amended from 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.

(6) 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 of certain transfere restrictions under EESA.

(7) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on December 15, 2013, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject of certain transfere restrictions under EESA.

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