BINGHAM KIM R Form 4 April 30, 2013

FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BINGHAM KIM R	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	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2013	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) below) EVP - Chief Credit Officer		
(Street) LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	equired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		
(Instr. 3) any (Mont	eemed 3. 4. Securities tion Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) th/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price	5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common 04/26/2013 Stock	A 150 (1) A \$ 0	5,915 D		

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)

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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. Transactic 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	\$ 38.38					11/18/2005(2)	11/18/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option	\$ 37					02/17/2006(2)	02/17/2015	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option	\$ 36.24					01/25/2007(2)	01/25/2016	Common Stock	34,930
Stock Option	\$ 23.37					02/21/2009(2)	02/21/2018	Common Stock	35,000
Restricted Stock Units	(3)					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	4,744
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>					<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	3,451
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>					<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	5,540

Reporting Owners

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

BINGHAM KIM R 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

EVP - Chief Credit Officer

Signatures

Monica Chen, attorney-in-fact 04/30/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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).
 - Shares of Cathay General Banorp (the "Company") common stock acquired under the Company's 2005 Incentive Plan. As a condition to receiving these shares, the reporting person agreed to hold and not transfer, for the entire period during which the Company has any
- (1) obligations outstandig under the U.S. Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program (disregarding any warrants to purchase common stock of the Company that the U.S. Treasury may hold) (the "Restriction Period"), all of the shares received. These transfer restrictions will terminate upon the earlier of the end of the Restriction Period or the date of the reporting person's death or permanent disability.
- (2) The option is fully exercisable.
- 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.
- (4) 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 to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.
- (5) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on May 8, 2014, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.
- (6) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on December 20, 2014, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.

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