CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

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 * WONG IRWIN			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) 10/29/2013	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP - Chief Risk Officer		
	(Street)		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		
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y 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. Securit our Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` ′	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	10/29/2013		M	73,712	A	\$ 24.8	93,595.66 (1)	D	
Common Stock	10/29/2013		S	73,712	D	\$ 25.262 (2)	19,883.66 (1)	D	
Common Stock							16,768	I	By ESOP

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Stock Option	\$ 24.8	10/29/2013		M		73,712	11/20/2004(3)	11/20/2013	Common Stock	73,7
Stock Option	\$ 37						02/17/2006(3)	02/17/2015	Common Stock	32,5
Stock Option	\$ 36.24						01/25/2007(3)	01/25/2016	Common Stock	31,0
Stock Option	\$ 23.37						02/21/2009(3)	02/21/2018	Common Stock	20,0
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>						<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	4,77
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>						<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	3,81
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>						<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	6,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships		
rg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
WONG IRWIN					
777 NORTH BROADWAY			EVP - Chief Risk Officer		
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012					

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/s/ Irwin Wong 10/29/2013

**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 7.997 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment year-to-date.
- Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$25.15 to \$25.61 per share. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided, upon request, to the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or any security holder of the Issuer.
- (3) 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 (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 December 15, 2013, 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 May 8, 2014, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.
- (7) 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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