CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CHENG DUNSON K Issuer Symbol CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP (Check all applicable) [CATY] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 777 NORTH BROADWAY 12/22/2014 Chairman, President, & CEO (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Benefici	ially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/22/2014		M <u>(1)</u>	30,481	A	\$ 0 (2)	247,755	D	
Common Stock	12/22/2014		F(3)	3,848	D	\$ 25.33	243,907	D	
Common Stock							445,577	I	Husband & Wife Trust
Common Stock							182,452	I	Nonmarital Shares Trust
Common Stock							102,838	I	By ESOP

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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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)		8. I De Sec (In	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	12/22/2014		M		30,481	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	30,481	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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X

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CHENG DUNSON K 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

Chairman, President, & CEO

Signatures

/s/ Monica Chen, attorney-in-fact

12/23/2014

**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) Represents the conversion into Common Stock upon vesting of the restricted stock units reported on Table II
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Issuer
- (3) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy minimum statutory withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units.
- (4) The reporting person previously reported the award of 30,481 shares of restricted stock units on Form 4 filed December 21, 2012. All of these restricted stock units vested on December 22, 2014.

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