

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(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**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**10/30/2013**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP - Chief Risk Officer**

**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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price                                    |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                            |
| Common Stock                    | 10/30/2013                           |                                                    | M                              | 16,000 A \$ 24.8                                                  | 35,883.66 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                      | D                                                        |                                            |
| Common Stock                    | 10/30/2013                           |                                                    | S                              | 9,234 D \$ 25.3                                                   | 26,649.66 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                      | D                                                        |                                            |
| Common Stock                    | 10/30/2013                           |                                                    | S                              | 6,766 D \$ 25.12                                                  | 19,883.66 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                      | 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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Stock Option                               | \$ 24.8                                                | 10/30/2013                           |                                                    | M                              | 16,000                                                                                  | 11/20/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 11/20/2013                     | Common Stock                                                | 16,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 37                                                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 02/17/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/17/2015                     | Common Stock                                                | 32,500                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 36.24                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 01/25/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/25/2016                     | Common Stock                                                | 31,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 23.37                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 02/21/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/21/2018                     | Common Stock                                                | 20,000                     |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(3)</sup>                                         |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | <sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>                            | Common Stock                                                | 4,770                      |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(3)</sup>                                         |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | <sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>                            | Common Stock                                                | 3,810                      |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(3)</sup>                                         |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | <sup>(6)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>                            | Common Stock                                                | 6,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Irwin Wong

10/30/2013

\*\*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) Includes 7.997 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment year-to-date.

(2) The option is fully exercisable.

(3) 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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