

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
April 12, 2006

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 7, 2006

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-18630

95-4274680

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California 90012  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 625-4700

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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[ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities

Cathay General Bancorp complete its tender offer for all of the shares of common stock of Great Eastern Bank at midnight, New York City time, on April 6, 2006. Pursuant to the tender offer and in exchange for 765,214 shares of Great Eastern Bank that had been tendered by Great Eastern Bank shareholders who were accredited investors, Cathay General Bancorp issued 1,181,164 shares of its common stock, par value \$.01 per share, to such Great Eastern Bank shareholders.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On April 7, 2006, Cathay General Bancorp announced in a press release that its tender to offer for all of the shares of common stock of Great Eastern Bank was successfully competed at midnight, New York City time, on April 6, 2006. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Cathay General Bancorp dated April 7, 2006.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 11, 2006

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Heng W. Chen

Heng W. Chen

Executive Vice President and Chief

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Number      Exhibit

99.1          Press Release of Cathay General Bancorp dated April 7, 2006.