

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 *
 Chow Donald Sang

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Chief Credit Officer

777 NORTH BROADWAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2017 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 11,010 A \$ 0 | 11,010 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2017 | | F ⁽²⁾ | | 4,258 D \$ 39.42 | 6,752 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2017 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 15,057 A \$ 0 | 21,809 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2017 | | F ⁽²⁾ | | 5,761 D \$ 39.42 | 16,048 | 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)

| 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 02/17/2017 | | M | 9,823 (3) | (5) (5) | Common Stock | 9,823 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 02/17/2017 | | M | 9,523 (4) | (5) (5) | Common Stock | 9,523 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Chow Donald Sang 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 | | | EVP, Chief Credit Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Monica Chen,
attorney-in-fact
**Signature of Reporting Person

02/22/2017
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).

- Shares of the Issuer's Common Stock received by the Reporting Person from the vesting of performance-based restricted stock units
- (1) granted on December 18, 2013. Such restricted stock units were previously reported in Table II on a Form 4 filed by the Reporting Person with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 20, 2013.
 - (2) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy minimum statutory withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units.

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- (3) Of the previously reported target award of 9,823 shares of restricted stock unit, 106% of the target award was earned based upon the achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (4) Of the previously reported target award of 9,523 shares of performance-based restricted stock units, 150% of the target award was earned based upon the achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (5) Performance-based restricted stock units vested on December 31, 2016.

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