

CHENG DUNSON K  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CHENG DUNSON K

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)  
07/31/2012

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President, & CEO

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

(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               | (A) or (D) | Price |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 07/31/2012                           |                                                    | A                              |                                                                   | 1,578 <sup>(1)</sup> | A          | \$ 0  | 6,188                                                                                         | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                      |            |       | 62,660                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                      |            |       | 102,224                                                                                       | I                                                        | By ESOP                                               |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2012                           |                                                    | J <sup>(2)</sup>               | V                                                                 | 182,452              | D          | \$ 0  | 445,577                                                                                       | I                                                        | Husband & Wife Trust                                  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2012                           |                                                    | J <sup>(2)</sup>               | V                                                                 | 182,452              | A          | \$ 0  | 182,452                                                                                       | I                                                        | Nonmarital Shares Trust                               |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V (A) (D)                                                                                                             | Date Exercisable                                               | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                               | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 19.925                                                             |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | 01/16/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>                                      | 01/16/2013         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 153,060                          |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 24.8                                                               |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | 11/20/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>                                      | 11/20/2013         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 246,940                          |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 37                                                                 |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | 02/17/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>                                      | 02/17/2015         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 154,940                          |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 32.47                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | 03/22/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>                                      | 03/22/2015         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 245,060                          |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 33.54                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | 11/20/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>                                      | 05/12/2015         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 264,694                          |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 36.24                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | 01/25/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>                                      | 01/25/2016         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 154,940                          |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 23.37                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | 02/21/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>                                      | 02/21/2018         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 154,970                          |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 23.37                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | 02/21/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>                                      | 02/21/2018         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 100,000                          |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | <sup>(5)</sup>                                                        |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | <sup>(6)</sup>                                                 | <sup>(6)</sup>     | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 12,384                           |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | <sup>(5)</sup>                                                        |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | <sup>(7)</sup>                                                 | <sup>(7)</sup>     | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 21,913                           |
| Restricted<br>Stock                                 | <sup>(5)</sup>                                                        |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | <sup>(8)</sup>                                                 | <sup>(8)</sup>     | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 11,862                           |

Units

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| CHENG DUNSON K<br>777 NORTH BROADWAY<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 | X             |           | Chairman, President, & CEO |       |

## Signatures

Monica Chen,  
attorney-in-fact

08/01/2012

\_\_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).

Shares of Cathay General Banorp (the "Company") common stock acquired under the Company's 2005 Incentive Plan. As a condition to receiving these shares, the reporting person agreed to hold and not transfer, for the entire period during which the Company has any

- (1) obligations outstanding under the U.S. Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program (disregarding any warrants to purchase common stock of the Company that the U.S. Treasury may hold) (the "Restriction Period"), all of the shares received. This transfer restriction will terminate upon the earlier of the end of the Restriction Period or the date of the reporting person's death or permanent disability.
- (2) Transferred to a new Nonmarital Shares Trust as indirect ownership.
- (3) The option is fully exercisable.
- (4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/09.

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.

- (6) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on March 23, 2013, 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 15, 2013, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.
- (8) 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.

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