

TANG ANTHONY M
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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 *
 TANG ANTHONY M

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)
 11/18/2011

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 EVP

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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(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					350,584	D	
Common Stock					88,520	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	11/18/2011		P		51,410	A	\$ 12.73
							1,314,171.12 (1)
Common Stock	11/18/2011		P		250,000	A	\$ 12.83
							1,564,171.12 (1)
Common Stock	11/22/2011		P		87,120	A	\$ 12.46
							1,651,291.12 (1)

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Common Stock 11/22/2011 P 13,800 A \$ 12.4 (1) 1,665,091.12 I By spouse

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 16.275					02/21/2003 ⁽²⁾	02/21/2012	Common Stock	26,000
Stock Option	\$ 19.925					01/16/2004 ⁽²⁾	01/16/2013	Common Stock	47,500
Stock Option	\$ 24.8					11/20/2004 ⁽²⁾	11/20/2013	Common Stock	105,140
Stock Option	\$ 37					02/17/2006 ⁽²⁾	02/17/2015	Common Stock	39,820
Stock Option	\$ 36.24					01/25/2007 ⁽²⁾	01/25/2016	Common Stock	42,690
Stock Option	\$ 23.37					02/21/2009 ⁽³⁾	02/21/2018	Common Stock	44,000
Restricted Stock Units	⁽⁴⁾					⁽⁵⁾	⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock	4,846

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
	X		EVP	

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777 NORTH BROADWAY
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

Signatures

Anthony M.
Tang

11/22/2011

 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 560.59 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment year-to-date.

(2) The option is fully exercisable.

(3) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/09.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

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