

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**CHIU THOMAS C T**

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)  
**04/22/2008**

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/23/2008		P	1,733 A \$ 16.7	167,438	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	04/23/2008		P	200 A \$ 16.75	167,638	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	04/23/2008		P	600 A \$ 16.79	168,238	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	04/23/2008		P	2,323 A \$ 16.78	170,561	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	04/23/2008		P	7,700 A \$ 16.8	178,261	I	By Family Trust

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Common Stock	04/23/2008	P	6,700	A	\$ 16.81	184,961	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	04/23/2008	P	5,000	A	\$ 16.84	189,961	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	04/23/2008	P	5,000	A	\$ 16.85	194,961	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	04/23/2008	P	5,000	A	\$ 16.96	199,961	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	04/23/2008	P	5,000	A	\$ 16.98	204,961	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	04/22/2008	P	5,000	A	\$ 16.95	64,732	I	By Pension Fund
Common Stock	04/23/2008	P	5,000	A	\$ 16.96	69,732	I	By Pension Fund

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 11.0595					Date Exercisable: 01/01/2001 <sup>(1)</sup> Expiration Date: 12/31/2009	Common Stock	5,120
Stock Option	\$ 21.0935					Date Exercisable: 01/01/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> Expiration Date: 12/31/2010	Common Stock	5,120
Stock Option	\$ 17.285					Date Exercisable: 01/01/2003 <sup>(1)</sup> Expiration Date: 12/31/2011	Common Stock	5,120

Stock Option	\$ 11.3435	01/01/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/31/2012	Common Stock	5,120
Stock Option	\$ 37	02/17/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/17/2015	Common Stock	3,500
Stock Option	\$ 36.24	01/25/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/25/2016	Common Stock	3,500
Stock Option	\$ 23.37	02/21/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/21/2018	Common Stock	3,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHIU THOMAS C T 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012			X	

## Signatures

Thomas C.T.  
Chiu

04/24/2008

\_\_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) The option is fully exercisable.
- (2) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/17/06.
- (3) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/25/07.
- (4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/09.

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