

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2005

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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): December 16, 2005

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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On December 15, 2005, the Executive Compensation Committee of Cathay General Bancorp's (the "Bancorp") Board of Directors approved the payment of the following cash bonuses to the executive officers indicated below.

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bonus</u>
Anthony M. Tang	Executive Vice President of Bancorp and Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer of Cathay Bank	\$261,250
Heng W. Chen	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Bancorp and Cathay Bank	\$232,050
Irwin Wong	Executive Vice President for Branch Administration of Cathay Bank	\$197,500

**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: December 16, 2005

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

By: /s/ HENG W. CHEN  
Heng W. Chen  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer