#### **WONG IRWIN**

Form 4

January 21, 2003

### FORM 4

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#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|   |  |  | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer               |
|---|--|--|--|
|   |  |  | (Check all applicable)   |
|   |  |  | o Director   |
| Name and Address of Reporting  Person * |  |  | o 10% Owner  |
|   | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol   |  |  |
| Wong Irwin                              |  | 4. Statement for   | ý Officer (give title below)                                   |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                 | Cathay Bancorp, Inc.   | (Month/Day/Year)   |  |
|   | CATY   |  |  |
| TET N. d. D                             |  | 1/16/2003  | o Other (specify below)  |
| 777 North Broadway                      |  |  | EVP  |
| (Street)                                |  |  |  |
|   |  |  |  |
| Los Angeles CA 90012                    | 3. I.R.S. Identification<br>Number of Reporting<br>Person, if an entity<br>(voluntary) | 5. If Amendment, Date of<br>Original<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Individual or Joint/Group<br>Filing (Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                    |  |  | $\circ$ Form filed by One Reporting Person                     |
|   |  |  | o Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                 |

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/<br>Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/<br>Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|---|
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|                 |  | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |            |   |  |
|-----------------|--|------|---|--------|------------|-------|------------|---|--|
| Common<br>Stock |  |      |   |        |            |       | 1,711.45 * | D |  |
|                 |  |      |   |        |            |       |            |   |  |
|                 |  |      |   |        |            |       |            |   |  |
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<sup>\*</sup> Does not include the undersiged's interest in shares of Cathay Bancorp, Inc. resulting from his participation in the Cathay Bancorp, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan & Trust, as of 12/31/01, the undersigned had a vested interest in 9,102 shares.

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

|   |   |   |   |                   |   |        | _               |  |                    |   |        |  |   |                             |
|---|---|---|---|-------------------|---|--------|-----------------|--|--------------------|---|--------|--|---|-----------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code (Instr. 3, 4 |   |        | ive<br>es<br>ed | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |        | 9. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially       | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative         |                             |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/<br>Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/<br>Year) | Code              | V | (A)    | (D)             | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | or     | Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11<br>of<br>Be<br>Ov<br>(In |
| Option *  | \$16.50   |   |   |                   |   |        |                 | (1)  | 9/17/08            | C   | 3,120  | 3,120  | D   |                             |
| Option *  | \$21.25   |   |   |                   |   |        |                 | (2)  | 1/20/10            | C   | 5,364  | 5,364  | D   |                             |
| Option *  | \$30.095  |   |   |                   |   |        |                 | (3)  | 1/18/11            | C   | 8,060  | 8,060  | D   |                             |
| Option *  | \$32.55   |   |   |                   |   |        |                 | (4)  | 2/21/12            | C   | 9,240  | 9,240  | D   |                             |
| Option  | \$39.85   | 1/16/03   |   | A                 |   | 18,790 |                 | (5)  | 1/16/13            | C   | 18,790 | 18,790   | D   |                             |
|   |   |   |   |                   |   |        |                 |  |                    |   |        |  |   |                             |
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|   |   |   |   |                   |   |        |                 |  |                    |   |        |  |   |                             |

Explanation of Responses:

- Previously reported.
- (1) The option vests in 2 equal annual installments beginning 9/17/02.
- (2) The option vests in 3 equal annual installments beginning 1/20/03.
- (3) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/18/02.
- (4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/03.
- (5) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/16/04.

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| /s/ Irwin Wong  | 1/21/03                              |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| ** Signature of Reporting Person  | Date                                 |
|   |                                      |
| Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indi                                    | rectly.                              |
| * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).  |                                      |
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