

CHENG DUNSON K  
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**FORM 5**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY]**

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2011**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman, President & CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
(check applicable line)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

**777 NORTH BROADWAY**  
(Street)

**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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	74,160	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	628,029	I	Husband & Wife Trust
Common Stock	12/31/2011	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	289	A	\$ 13.68	102,224	I	By ESOP

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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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Option	\$ 16.275	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/21/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/21/2012	Common Stock	79,32
Stock Option	\$ 19.925	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/16/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/16/2013	Common Stock	153,00
Stock Option	\$ 24.8	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/20/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	11/20/2013	Common Stock	246,9
Stock Option	\$ 37	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/17/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/17/2015	Common Stock	154,9
Stock Option	\$ 32.47	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	03/22/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/22/2015	Common Stock	245,00
Stock Option	\$ 33.54	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/20/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/12/2015	Common Stock	264,6
Stock Option	\$ 36.24	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/25/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/25/2016	Common Stock	154,9
Stock Option	\$ 23.37	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/21/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/21/2018	Common Stock	154,9
Stock Option	\$ 23.37	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/21/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/21/2018	Common Stock	100,00
Restricted Stock Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â <sup>(5)</sup>	Â <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	12,38
Restricted Stock Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â <sup>(6)</sup>	Â <sup>(6)</sup>	Common Stock	21,91

