CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

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OMB UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if January 31, Expires: no longer subject 2005 to Section 16. Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Form 4 or Form burden hours per 5 obligations OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES response... 1.0 may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4 Transactions Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer CHENG DUNSON K Symbol CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP (Check all applicable) [CATY] (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) _X_ Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2015 Chairman, President, & CEO 777 NORTH BROADWAY (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line) LOS ANGELES, CAÂ 90012 _X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Transaction Ownership Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (A) or Disposed of (D) Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned at end Direct (D) Ownership of Issuer's or Indirect (Instr. 4) (A) Fiscal Year (I) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 4) (D) Amount Price Common Â 12/31/2015 $J_{\underline{(1)}}$ 54.66 102,903.978 Ι A By ESOP 31.33 Stock Common Â Â Â Â Â Â 243,907 D Stock

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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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exerc Expiration Day/ (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title Amount Underly Securiti	t of ying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
	Derivative Security			Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		
				(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Number		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CHENG DUNSON K 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012	ÂX	Â	Chairman, President, & CEO	Â			

Date

Signatures

/s/ Monica Chen, attorney-in-fact 02/12/2016

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- * 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) ESOP DR earnings allocation.

**Signature of Reporting Person

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