

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP
 Form 4
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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 *
 LIU TING Y

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)
 777 NORTH BROADWAY
 (Street)
 LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2005
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,644 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 379,664 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By Family Trust |

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 (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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Stock Option | \$ 11.0595 (1) | | | | | 01/01/2001 12/31/2009 | Common Stock 5,120 (1) |
| Stock Option | \$ 21.0935 (1) | | | | | 01/01/2002 12/31/2010 | Common Stock 5,120 (1) |
| Stock Option | \$ 17.285 (1) | | | | | 01/01/2003 12/31/2011 | Common Stock 5,120 (1) |
| Stock Option | \$ 11.3435 (1) | | | | | 01/01/2004 12/31/2012 | Common Stock 5,120 (1) |
| Stock Option | \$ 37 | 02/17/2005 | | A | 3,500 | 02/17/2006(2) 02/17/2015 | Common Stock 3,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LIU TING Y 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 | | | X | |

Signatures

Ting Y. Liu 02/22/2005

**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) Adjusted to reflect a 2-for-1 stock split effective 9/28/04.

(2) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 02/17/06.

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