

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 *
 Tai Pin

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 EVP, CLO, Cathay Bank

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 CATHAY GENERAL
 BANCORP, 9650 FLAIR DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/18/2013

EL MONTE, CA 91731

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	4,771	D	

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)

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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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/18/2013		A	9,523 <u>(1)</u>	(2) (2)	Common Stock	9,523
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/18/2013		A	9,823 <u>(1)</u>	(2) (2)	Common Stock	9,823

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Tai Pin CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP 9650 FLAIR DRIVE EL MONTE, CA 91731			EVP, CLO, Cathay Bank	

Signatures

Monica Chen,
attorney-in-fact 12/20/2013

 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) Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of common stock upon vesting. The number of restricted stock units that are earned can be reduced by up to 100% of the target award or increased by up to 150% of the target award, depending upon the achievement of certain performance criteria.

(2) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on December 31, 2016, subject to continued employment, but may vest to some extent earlier in the event of death, disability, retirement after December 31, 2015 or a change in control, with the number of units earned being based on the achievement of certain performance Criteria.

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