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(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BINGHAM KIM R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

(Check all applicable)

[CATY]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

777 NORTH BROADWAY

12/18/2014

EVP - Chief Risk Officer

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

12,614 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. Transactic 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. Pr Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	12/18/2014		A	5,670 (1)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	5,670	١
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	12/18/2014		A	5,947 (1)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	5,947	٥

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BINGHAM KIM R 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

EVP - Chief Risk Officer

Signatures

/s/ Monica Chen, attorney-in-fact

12/24/2014

**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).
- Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock uppn vesting. The number of restricted (1) 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.
- These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on Decmeber 31, 2017, subject to continued employment, but (2) may vest to some extent earlier in the event of death, disability, retirement after December 31, 2016 or a change in control, with the number of units earned being based on the achievement of certain performance criteria.

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