

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
Form 15-12G  
November 12, 2003

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 15**

**CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO FILE REPORTS UNDER SECTIONS 13 AND 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.**

Commission File Number: 000-18630

**Cathay General Bancorp**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**777 North Broadway, Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213) 625-4700**

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**8.375% Subordinated Notes due 2007**

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(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

**Common Stock**

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(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(i)	x	Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i)	x
Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(ii)	..	Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii)	..
Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(i)	..	Rule 12h-3(b)(2)(i)	..
Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(ii)	..	Rule 12h-3(b)(2)(ii)	..
		Rule 15d-6	..

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date:     0    

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Cathay General Bancorp has caused this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

Date: November 10, 2003

By: /s/ Heng W. Chen

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Heng W. Chen, Chief Financial Officer