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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CHEN HENG W	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
	CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY]			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 777 NORTH BROADWAY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2019	Director 10% Owner Steelow) Other (specification) Delow) EVP/CFO		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/02/2019		M <u>(1)</u>	6,812	A	\$ 0	105,830	D	
Common Stock	01/02/2019		F(1)	2,583 (4)	D	\$ 33.53	103,247	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)

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 on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerc Expiration Do (Month/Day/	Pate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Securities	8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/02/2019		M	7,885 (2)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	7,885	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Transfer of the same	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CHEN HENG W							
777 NORTH BROADWAY			EVP/CFO				
LOS ANGELES CA 90012							

Signatures

/s/ Georgia Lo, attorney-in-fact

01/03/2019

**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).
- Shares of the Issuer's Common Stock received by the Reporting Person from the vesting of performance-based restricted stock units (1) granted on December 17, 2015. Such restricted stock units were previously reported in Table II on a Form 4 filed by the Reporting Person with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 21, 2015.
- (2) Of the previously reported target award of 7,885 shares of performance-based restricted stock units, 80% of the target award was earned based upon the achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (3) Performance-based restricted stock units vested on December 31, 2018.
- (4) Shares withheld by the Registrant to satisfy tax withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units, based on closing price on December 31, 2018.

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