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

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WONG IRWIN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

777 NORTH BROADWAY

(Street)

LOS ANGELES,Â CAÂ 90012

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP - Branch Administration

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

_X_ 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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/10/2011	Â	J(1)	3.096	A	$ 16.9312	10,496.46	D	Â
Common Stock	06/10/2011	Â	J(1)	3.553	A	$ 14.7576	10,496.46	D	Â
Common Stock	09/12/2011	Â	J(1)	4.555	A	$ 11.5171	10,496.46	D	Â
Common Stock	12/15/2011	Â	J(1)	4.127	A	$ 12.7274	10,496.46	D	Â

Common Stock	12/31/2011	Â	J(2)	47.3247	A	$ 13.68	16,725.73	I	By ESOP

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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Option	$ 16.275	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/21/2005(3)	02/21/2012	Common Stock	11,08
Stock Option	$ 19.925	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/16/2005(3)	01/16/2013	Common Stock	30,06
Stock Option	$ 24.8	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/20/2004(3)	11/20/2013	Common Stock	143,0
Stock Option	$ 37	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/17/2006(3)	02/17/2015	Common Stock	32,58
Stock Option	$ 36.24	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/25/2007(3)	01/25/2016	Common Stock	31,00
Stock Option	$ 23.37	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/21/2009(4)	02/21/2018	Common Stock	20,00
Restricted Stock Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (6)	Â (6)	Common Stock	3,840
Restricted Stock Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (7)	Â (7)	Common Stock	4,774

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

WONG IRWIN 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES,Â CAÂ 90012	Â	Â	Â EVP - Branch Administration	Â

Signatures

Irwin Wong	02/14/2012
**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)	Dividend Reinvestment.
(2)	ESOP Earning Allocation.
(3)	The option is fully exercisable.
(4)	The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/09.
(5)	Consists of long term restricted stock units within the meaning of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder ("EESA"). Each unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of CATY Common Stock.
(6)	These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on March 23, 2013, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.
(7)	These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on December 15, 2013, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.

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