

Lee Mark Hakjooon
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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 *
Lee Mark Hakjooon

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
777 NORTH BROADWAY

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/11/2019

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Chief Credit Officer

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2019 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 268 A <u>(2)</u> 268 | | 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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 03/11/2019 | | M | 268 | (3) (3) | Common Stock | 268 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Lee Mark Hakjooon 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 | | | EVP, Chief Credit Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Georgia Lo,
attorney-in-fact

03/13/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents the conversion into Common Stock upon vesting of the restricted stock units reported on Table II.

(2) Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Issuer.

The Reporting Person previously reported the award of 263 restricted stock units, based on a closing stock price as of March 9, 2018, on Form 4 filed March 13, 2018. The actual number of restricted stock units issued was 268 based on a closing stock price as of March 8,

(3) 2018. In addition, such restricted stock units actually vested in full on the date of grant, with the shares of common stock to be distributed on the first anniversary of the date of the grant or immediately upon the death, disability or retirement of the Reporting Person, or a change in control of the Issuer.

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