

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
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**FORM 5**

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**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 \*  
**LEE PATRICK**  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/30/2005

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)  
 Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

777 NORTH BROADWAY  
 (Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
 (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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/21/2005	^	G	5,500 D \$ 0	252,894 (1)	I	Family Trust

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)		
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 10.625	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/20/2001 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/20/2010	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option	\$ 15.0475	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/18/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/18/2011	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option	\$ 16.275	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/21/2003 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/21/2012	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option	\$ 19.925	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/16/2004 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/16/2013	Common Stock	3,800
Stock Option	\$ 24.8	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/20/2004 <sup>(6)</sup>	11/20/2013	Common Stock	11,000
Stock Option	\$ 37	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/17/2006 <sup>(7)</sup>	02/17/2015	Common Stock	3,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEE PATRICK 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

Patrick S.D. Lee                      08/03/2006

\*\*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) Since the reporting person's last report, 2,000 shares under his name were transferred to the Family Trust.

(2) The option is fully exercisable.

(3) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/18/02.

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- (4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/03.
- (5) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/16/04.
- (6) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 11/20/04.
- (7) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/17/06.

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