

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
May 11, 2006

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 9, 2006

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-18630

95-4274680

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California 90012  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 625-4700

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On May 9, 2006, the Executive Compensation Committee of Cathay General Bancorp's Board of Directors approved the following 2006 base salaries for the executive officers named below and in its proxy statement for the 2006 annual meeting of stockholders. The following base salaries are retroactive to April 1, 2006.

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>2006 Base Salary</u>
Dunson K. Cheng	Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Bancorp and Cathay Bank	\$924,000
Peter Wu	Executive Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of Bancorp and Cathay Bank	\$408,000
Anthony M. Tang	Executive Vice President of Bancorp and Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer of Cathay Bank	\$289,000
Heng W. Chen	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Bancorp and Cathay Bank	\$288,000
Irwin Wong	Executive Vice President for Branch Administration of Cathay Bank	\$225,000

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 11, 2006

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Heng W. Chen

Heng W. Chen

Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer