

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP
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 PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

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(TO PROSPECTUS DATED APRIL 26, 2006)

1,184,164 SHARES

[CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP LOGO]

777 NORTH BROADWAY
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

COMMON STOCK

This prospectus supplement No. 1 supplements the prospectus dated April 26, 2006 relating to the offer and sale from time to time by the selling stockholders listed under "Selling Stockholders" in the prospectus of up to 1,184,164 shares of our common stock. You should read this prospectus supplement in conjunction with the prospectus to which it relates. This prospectus supplement updates and supersedes information in the prospectus as noted below.

The section of the prospectus entitled "SELLING STOCKHOLDERS" is hereby amended by substituting the following table and related footnotes for the similar information in the prospectus:

| Name of Selling Stockholder | Number of Shares Owned (1) (2) | Percent of Outstanding Shares | Number of Shares Registered for Sale Hereby |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| AKM Associates LLC | 173,040 (3) | * | 173,040 |
| Hsiu-Yin Chen | 8,499 | * | 8,499 |
| Jen-Ter Chen | 84,532 | * | 84,532 |
| Joanne Y. Chen | 40,093 | * | 40,093 |
| Lung-Chu Chen | 6,512 (4) | * | 6,512 |
| Lung-Fong Chen | 51,452 | * | 51,452 |
| Ching-Tai Chiang | 38,559 | * | 38,559 |
| Wen-Hui Chiang | 54,026 | * | 54,026 |
| Dorcas & Kalam Co. | 52,530 | * | 52,530 |

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| Fumi Hsu | 32,806 (3) | * | 32,806 |
| Henry Hsu | 3,391 (3) | * | 3,391 |
| Hsiou-Fong Huang | 8,602 (5) | * | 8,602 |
| Phillip C. Huang | 16,207 | * | 16,207 |
| Tsue-Hsing Huang | 67,586 | * | 67,586 |
| Ching-Ling Hwu | 13,568 | * | 13,568 |
| Joseph C. C. Kuo | 15,436 (3) | * | 15,436 |
| Lih-Yuh Kuo | 160,339 (3) | * | 160,339 |

| Name of Selling Stockholder | Number of Shares Owned (1) (2) | Percent of Outstanding Shares | Number of Shares Registered for Sale Hereby |
|------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| John S. Lai | 3,272 | * | 3,272 |
| Kuo-Pin Lai | 33,415 (3) | * | 33,415 |
| Sng Un Lai | 4,630 | * | 4,630 |
| Paul C. Lee | 15,067 | * | 15,067 |
| Richard T. Lai | 12,271 (4) | * | 12,271 |
| Jen Li & Lan In Chen | 7,531 (3) | * | 7,531 |
| Ja S. Lin | 21,056 | * | 21,056 |
| Shung-Mei Lin | 26,233 | * | 26,233 |
| Mei-Jung Pan | 26,900 (5) | * | 26,900 |
| Jacklyn Y. C. Tung | 1,643 | * | 1,643 |
| Guang Tsan Wang | 45,573 (3) | * | 45,573 |
| Hsin Tzu Wang | 25,100 | * | 25,100 |
| Sue Wang | 5,021 (3) | * | 5,021 |
| Herbert A. Whitehouse | 33,109 (4) | * | 33,109 |
| David Wu | 2,509 | * | 2,509 |
| Lihhwa Cheng Wu | 2,509 | * | 2,509 |
| Chung-Hua Lee Yu | 12,027 (3) | * | 12,027 |
| Guang Wey Yu | 3,272 (3) | * | 3,272 |
| Juei-Tsui Yu | 15,369 (3) | * | 15,369 |
| Jih-Main Yu | 7,799 (3) | * | 7,799 |
| Juei-Hsiang Yu | 21,429 (3) | * | 21,429 |
| King-the Yu | 15,757 (4) | * | 15,757 |
| Sin-Nee Yu | 10,962 (3) | * | 10,962 |
| Shirley M. Yu | 1,532 (3) | * | 1,532 |

* Less than 1% of the Company's outstanding shares.

(1) All share ownership information was provided to us by the selling stockholders except in certain cases where we were not able to confirm the information with the selling stockholder.

(2) Assumes that all of the shares held by the selling stockholders and being offered hereby are sold, and that the selling stockholders acquire no additional shares of common stock prior to completion of this offering.

(3) The selling stockholder was an Optionor.

(4) The selling stockholder was a former director of Great Eastern.

(5) Hsiou-Fong Huang transferred by gift to Mei-Jung Pan 26,900 of the 35,503 shares she held.