

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
October 19, 2009

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

**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): October 19, 2009

**CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-18630  
(Commission  
File Number)

95-4274680  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California  
(Address of principal executive Office)

90012  
(Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On October 19, 2009, Cathay General Bancorp announced, in a press release, that it has completed its previously announced offering of 7,614,571 shares of its common stock and that the underwriter for the offering exercised in full its over-allotment option to purchase an additional 1,142,185 shares of common stock. That press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The foregoing information and the attached exhibit are intended to be furnished only and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d)	<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
	99.1	Press Release of Cathay General Bancorp dated October 19, 2009.

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**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: October 19, 2009

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Heng W. Chen

Heng W. Chen  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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