

## **Dividend of \$0.01 Per Share - Jun. 13, 2012**

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Los Angeles, Calif., May 17, 2013: Cathay General Bancorp (NASDAQ: CATY) announced today that on May 16, 2013, its Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of one cent per common share payable on June 13, 2013, to stockholders of record at the close of business on June 3, 2013.

### ABOUT CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Cathay General Bancorp is the holding company for Cathay Bank, a California state-chartered bank. Founded in 1962, Cathay Bank offers a wide range of financial services. Cathay Bank currently operates 31 branches in California, eight branches in New York State, one in Massachusetts, two in Texas, three in Washington State, three in the Chicago, Illinois area, one in New Jersey, one in Hong Kong, and a representative office in Taipei and in Shanghai. Cathay Bank's website is found at <http://www.cathaybank.com/>.