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**Cathay General Bancorp to Announce
Third Quarter 2013 Financial Results**

Los Angeles, Calif., October 4, 2013: Cathay General Bancorp (the “Company”, NASDAQ: CATY), the holding company for Cathay Bank, is scheduled to announce its third quarter 2013 financial results after the markets close on Monday, October 21, 2013.

Cathay General Bancorp has scheduled a conference call as set forth below. Analysts and investors may participate in the question-and-answer session.

Conference Call and Webcast Information:

Date: Monday, October 21, 2013
Time: 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time (6:00 p.m. Eastern Time)
Duration: 1 hour
Dial In Number: (866) 271-6130
Participant Passcode: 36963779

Participants should join the live conference call 5 to 10 minutes before its scheduled start.

This call is being webcast by NASDAQ OMX and can be accessed at www.cathaygeneralbancorp.com. A recorded version for replay will be available within 24 hours after the end of the call until October 21, 2014.

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 Nevada, one in Hong Kong, and a representative office in Shanghai and in Taipei. Cathay Bank’s website is found at <http://www.cathaybank.com>. Cathay General Bancorp's website is found at <http://www.cathaygeneralbancorp.com>.