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**Cathay General Bancorp to Announce
Fourth Quarter and Year-End 2013 Financial Results**

Los Angeles, Calif., January 14, 2014: Cathay General Bancorp (the “Company”, NASDAQ: CATY), the holding company for Cathay Bank, is scheduled to announce its fourth quarter and year-end 2013 financial results after the markets close on Thursday, January 23, 2014.

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: Thursday, January 23, 2014
Time: 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time (6:00 p.m. Eastern Time)
Duration: 1 hour
Dial In Number: (877) 703-6102
Participant Passcode: 88064359

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

Webcast Access: A listen-only live Webcast of the call will be available at www.cathaygeneralbancorp.com. A recorded version for replay will be available within 24 hours after the end of the call until January 23, 2015.

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 32 branches in California, eight branches in New York State, three in the Chicago, Illinois area, three in Washington State, two in Texas, one in Massachusetts, one in Nevada, one in New Jersey, one in Hong Kong, and a representative office in Taipei and in Shanghai. Cathay Bank’s website is found at www.cathaybank.com. Cathay General Bancorp’s website is found at www.cathaygeneralbancorp.com