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**Cathay General Bancorp to Announce
Third Quarter 2017 Financial Results**

Los Angeles, Calif., September 25, 2017: Cathay General Bancorp (NASDAQ: CATY), the holding company for Cathay Bank, is scheduled to announce its third quarter 2017 financial results after the markets close on Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

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: Wednesday, October 25, 2017
Time: 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time (6:00 p.m. Eastern Time)
Duration: 1 hour
Dial In Number: (855) 761-3186
Conference ID: 88339508

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 October 25, 2018.

ABOUT CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Cathay General Bancorp is the holding company for Cathay Bank, a California state-chartered bank and Far East National Bank, a U.S. federally chartered bank. Cathay General Bancorp's website is found at www.cathaygeneralbancorp.com. Founded in 1962, Cathay Bank offers a wide range of financial services. Cathay Bank currently operates 34 branches in California, 12 branches in New York State, three in the Chicago, Illinois area, three in Washington State, two in Texas, one in Maryland, 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. Founded in 1974, Far East National Bank offers a wide range of financial services. Far East National Bank operates nine branches in California, and a representative office in Beijing. Far East National Bank's website is found at www.fareastnationalbank.com. Information set forth on such websites are not incorporated into this press release.