

CCXAP assigns BBB_g to Zouping Financial Development Group Co., Ltd.'s proposed offshore bonds.

Hong Kong, 27 April 2023 – China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings Company Limited (“CCXAP”) has assigned an expected senior unsecured debt rating of BBB_g to the proposed offshore bonds to be issued by Zouping Finance International Co., Ltd., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Zouping Financial Development Group Co., Ltd. (“ZPFD” or the “Company”) (BBB_g/stable), and unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by ZPFD.

The bonds constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated, and unsecured obligations of ZPFD, which shall at all times rank pari passu with all the Company's other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations. The Company intends to use the proceeds for project investment and to supplement the Company's working capital.

Rating Rationale

ZPFD's senior unsecured debt rating is equal to its long-term credit rating. We believe that government support will flow through the Company given its pivotal role in infrastructure construction and operation of Zouping City, thereby mitigating any differences in an expected loss that could result from structural subordination.

Rating Methodology

The methodology used in this rating is the Rating Methodology for [China's Local Infrastructure Investment and Financing Companies \(July 2022\)](#).

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