

## **CCXAP assigns BBB<sub>g</sub>+ to Shandong Hesheng Investment Co., Ltd.'s proposed offshore bonds**

Hong Kong, 28 September 2023 – China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings Company Limited (“CCXAP”) has assigned an expected senior unsecured debt rating of BBB<sub>g</sub>+ to the proposed offshore bonds to be issued by Shandong Hesheng Investment Co., Ltd. (“SHIC” or the “Company”) (BBB<sub>g</sub>+ / stable).

The bonds constitute direct, unsubordinated, unconditional, and unsecured obligations of SHIC, 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 development and replenishment of working capital.

### **Rating Rationale**

SHIC’s senior unsecured debt rating is in line with its long-term credit rating. We believe that government support will flow through the Company given its strategic important role in the infrastructure construction and economic development of Jimo District, 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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