

CCXAP assigns BBB_g to Zibo Hi-Tech State-Owned Capital Investment Co., Ltd.'s proposed offshore bonds

Hong Kong, 31 October 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 Zibo Hi-Tech State-Owned Capital Investment Co., Ltd. (“ZBHT” or the “Company”) (BBB_g /Stable).

The bonds constitute direct, unsubordinated, unconditional, and unsecured obligations of ZBHT, 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 construction, repayment of offshore debts, and replenishment of working capital.

Rating Rationale

ZBHT’s senior unsecured debt rating is equivalent to its long-term credit rating. We believe that government support will flow through the Company given its strategic importance in the development of Zibo High-tech Zone, 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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