

CCXAP assigns A_g- to Chengdu Xingjin Construction Investment Group Co., Ltd.'s proposed EUR bonds

Hong Kong, 27 December 2024 – China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings Company Limited (“CCXAP”) has assigned a senior unsecured debt rating of A_g- to the proposed EUR bonds to be issued by Chengdu Xingjin Construction Investment Group Co., Ltd. (“XCIG” or the “Company”) (A_g-/stable).

The bonds will constitute direct, general, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of XCIG, 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 net proceeds for project construction and replenishment of working capital in accordance with the Sustainable Finance Framework.

Corporate Profile

Founded in 2015, formerly known as Chengdu Hengrongjin Investment Co., Ltd., XCIG is one of the major Infrastructure construction and asset operation entities in Jinjiang District. The Company is primarily responsible for infrastructure construction, and urban renewal in Jinjiang District. Apart from public projects, the Company also derives revenue from commercial businesses such as property sales, shantytown renovation, regional comprehensive development, property leasing and capital lending. As of 30 September 2024, XCIG was wholly owned by Chengdu Jinjiang Investment Development Group Co., Ltd., and ultimately controlled by the Jinjiang State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission.

Rating Rationale

XCIG’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 dominant position in the infrastructure construction in Jinjiang District, thereby mitigating any differences in an expected loss that could result from structural subordination.

The A_g- long-term credit rating of XCIG reflects Jinjiang District Government’s very strong capacity to provide support, and its extremely high willingness to support the Company based on our assessment of the Company’s characteristics. Our assessment of Jinjiang District Government’s capacity to provide support reflects that Jinjiang District is one of the five core districts of Chengdu City, with stable economic growth and good fiscal strengths.

The rating also reflects the local government’s willingness to provide support, which is based on the Company’s (1) regional franchising of public projects within the Third Ring Road of Jinjiang District; (2) high sustainability of the public projects; (3) good access to funding, with low financing cost; and (4) track record of receiving government payments. However, the rating is constrained by the Company’s (1) moderate exposure to commercial activities, with capital expenditure pressure and investment return volatility; and (2) rapid debt growth and moderate assets liquidity.

Rating Outlook

The stable outlook on XCIG's rating reflects our expectation that the local government's capacity to support the Company will remain stable, and the Company will maintain its dominant position in the infrastructure construction in Jinjiang District.

What could upgrade the rating?

The rating could be upgraded if (1) the local government's capacity to provide support strengthens; and (2) the Company's characteristics change in a way that strengthens the local government's willingness to provide support, such as improved debt management.

What could downgrade the rating?

The rating could be downgraded if (1) the local government's capacity to provide support weakens; or (2) the Company's characteristics change in a way that weakens the local government's willingness to provide support, such as higher commercial business risk and reduced government payments.

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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