

CCXAP assigns BBB_g to Zhejiang Xinchang Investment Development Co., Ltd.'s proposed USD sustainable bonds

Hong Kong, 8 January 2024 – China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings Company Limited (“CCXAP”) has assigned a senior unsecured debt rating of BBB_g to the proposed USD sustainable bonds to be issued by Zhejiang Xinchang Investment Development Co., Ltd (“ZXID” or the “Company”) (BBB_g/stable).

The bonds constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated, and unsecured obligations of ZXID, 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 refinancing existing indebtedness and project construction purposes.

Corporate Profile

Established in 2003, ZXID is the largest local infrastructure investment and financing company (“LIIFC”) by total assets in Xinchang County. It plays the most important role in the local public policy activities, such as infrastructure construction, land consolidation, water supply and sewage treatment, and public transportation. Besides, the Company also engages in some commercial activities such as engineering construction, material trading and property leasing. As of 31 December 2022, the Company was wholly owned and ultimately controlled by the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the People’s Government of Xinchang County (“Xinchang SASAC”).

Rating Rationale

ZXID’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 role in infrastructure construction and utility services in Xinchang County, thereby mitigating any differences in an expected loss that could result from structural subordination.

The BBB_g long-term credit rating of ZXID reflects (1) Xinchang County Government’s strong capacity to provide support; and (2) the local government’s extremely high willingness to provide support, based on our assessment of the Company’s characteristics. Our assessment of Xinchang County Government’s capacity to provide support reflects Xinchang County’s ongoing economic growth, with relatively good investment potential and fiscal stability.

The rating also reflects the local government’s willingness to support, which is based on the Company’s (1) dominant strategic role as the largest state-owned enterprise in Xinchang County; (2) high sustainability for public policy projects; and (3) good track record of receiving government payments. However, the rating is constrained by the Company’s (1) medium exposure to commercial activities; and (2) high debt leverage and moderate asset quality.



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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