

CCXAP assigns BBBg rating to Huzhou Wuxing Talent Industrial Investment & Development Group Co. Ltd.'s existing CNY bonds

Hong Kong, 2 February 2024 – China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings Company Limited ("CCXAP") has assigned a senior unsecured rating of BBB_g to the existing CNY770 million Free Trade Zone bonds issued by Huzhou Wuxing Talent Industrial Investment & Development Group Co. Ltd. ("WIID" or the "Company") (BBB_g/stable).

The bonds constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated, and unsecured obligations of WIID, which shall at all times rank pari passu with all the Company's other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations. The Company generally used the gross proceeds for onshore project construction and replenishment of working capital.

Corporate Profile

Established in June 2013, WIID, formerly known as Huzhou Wuxing Industrial Investment Development Group Co., Ltd., has developed into an important investment and construction platform in Wuxing District and serves as the core operating entity responsible for infrastructure construction, land consolidation and development, as well as the sale of resettlement housing in Huzhou Modern Logistics Equipment High-tech Industrial Park ("Huzhou High-tech Park"), formerly known as Huzhou Southern Taihu High-tech Industrial Park. The Company also engages in commercial business such as trading, property leasing and financial leasing. Talent service business will also be added in 2023. As of 30 June 2023, Huzhou Wuxing State-owned Capital Supervision and Administration Service Centre ("Wuxing District SCSASC") held 100% shares of WIID. The Company is ultimately governed by the Finance Bureau of Wuxing District, Huzhou City.

Rating Rationale

The senior unsecured debt rating of the bonds is equal to WIID's long-term credit rating. We believe that government support will flow through the Company given its leading position in public projects and park development of Wuxing District, thereby mitigating any differences in an expected loss that could result from structural subordination.

The BBB_g long-term credit rating of WIID is underpinned by the Company's (1) leading position in public projects and park development of Wuxing District; (2) good track record of receiving government payments; and (3) good funding access with multiple financing channels. However, the rating is constrained by the Company's (1) medium exposure to commercial activities; (2) high debt growth and short-term debt burden; and (3) medium contingent liability risk from external guarantees.

Rating Outlook

The stable outlook on WIID's rating reflects our expectation that the Wuxing District Government's capacity to provide support will be stable, and that the Company will maintain its



strategic role in local infrastructure construction and land development in Wuxing District over the next 12 to 18 months.

What could upgrade the rating?

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

What could downgrade the rating?

The rating could be downgraded if (1) Wuxing District 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 reduced strategic significance, decreased government payments, or weakened funding capabilities.

Rating Methodology

The methodology used in this rating is the Rating Methodology for <u>China's Local Infrastructure</u> Investment and Financing Companies (July 2022).

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