

CCXAP assigns BBB_g to Jining High-tech Holding Group Co., Ltd.'s proposed offshore bonds

Hong Kong, 13 March 2024 – 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 Hexin International Co., Ltd., an indirect and wholly-owned subsidiary of Jining High-tech Holding Group Co., Ltd. ("JHHG" or the "Company") (BBB_g/Stable).

The bonds are expected to be unconditionally and irrecoverably guaranteed by JHHG. The Company intends to use the proceeds for project construction and replenishment of working capital.

Rating Rationale

The senior unsecured debt rating of the proposed bonds is equal to JHHG's long-term credit rating. JHHG is expected to provide an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee to the bonds. Under the unconditional and irrevocable guarantee, the bonds will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated, and unsecured obligations of JHHG, which shall at all times at least rank pari passu with all its other present and future unsubordinated and unsecured obligations.

We believe that government support will flow through the Company given its important role in local infrastructure construction, shantytown renovation projects, and heating supply in Jining 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 <u>China's Local Infrastructure</u> <u>Investment and Financing Companies (July 2022).</u>

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