

CCXAP assigns Changchun Urban Development & Investment Holdings (Group) Co., Ltd. long-term credit rating at A_g +, with stable outlook

Hong Kong, 23 August 2019 -- China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings ("CCXAP") has assigned the long-term credit rating of Changchun Urban Development & Investment Holdings (Group) Co., Ltd. at Ag+. The rating outlook is stable.

Rating Rationale

The A_g+ long-term credit rating of Changchun Urban Development & Investment Holdings (Group) Co., Ltd. ("CCDG" or the "Company") is underpinned by the Company's (1) proven track record of support from the Changchun government; (2) vital position in water supply & sewage treatment, infrastructure construction and indemnificatory apartment development of Changchun City; (3) increase in total operating revenue; and (4) relatively strong financing ability and smooth funding channels. However, the rating is constrained by the Company's (1) capital expenditure pressure from a sizeable number of projects in the pipeline; (2) weak operating profit; and (3) weakened financial and liquidity profile.

Rating Outlook

The stable outlook on CCDG's rating reflects its strong position in public businesses of the Changchun area and the continuity of getting high level of support from the Changchun government. We expect the revenue of the Company will gradually improve with a relatively strong cash generating ability.

What could upgrade the rating?

The rating could be upgraded if (1) the Company's profitability improves; or (2) the Company improves its credit profile in debt leverage and credit metrics.

What could downgrade the rating?

The rating could be downgraded if (1) there is less support from the Changchun government; (2) increasing capital expenditure exerts pressure on the Company's credit profile; or (3) the Company's liquidity position further weakens.

Rating Methodology

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