

CCXAP announces no immediate impact on GCL Intelligent Energy Co., Ltd.'s rating from GCL New Energy's USD notes default

Hong Kong, 8 February 2021 -- China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings ("CCXAP") has announced that the default on GCL New Energy's offshore USD notes has no immediate impact on GCL Intelligent Energy Co., Ltd. ("GCL Intelligent Energy")'s BB_g+ long-term credit rating and stable outlook.

On 1 February 2021, GCL New Energy Holdings Limited ("GCL New Energy") announced that it has defaulted on USD500 million 7.1% notes due on 30 January 2021, and has offered a second extension to the noteholders for participation in its proposed restructuring plan on the notes under the Bermuda Scheme.

GCL Intelligent Energy and GCL New Energy are the key subsidiaries of Golden Concord Group Limited ("Golden Concord"). The delayed subsidy payout in China's solar power sector and the slowing process on solar project disposals resulted in high liquidity pressure and restricted financing channels of Golden Concord and some of its subsidiaries. In addition, Golden Concord and some of its subsidiaries currently maintained a high level of asset and share pledge.

However, we see that GCL Intelligent Energy has maintained a relatively good business performance so far. On 25 January 2021, GCL Energy Technology Co., Ltd ("GCL Energy Technology") announced that the expected net profit attributable to equity holders was RMB776-888 million in 2020, representing an YoY increase of 40.15-60.37%. GCL Intelligent Energy is the core subsidiary of GCL Energy Technology, accounting for over 99% of GCL Energy Technology's total assets.

Established in 2009, GCL Intelligent Energy is a regional power generating company that focuses on cogeneration facilities operation in industrial parks in China, mainly in Jiangsu and Zhejiang. GCL Intelligent Energy was previously 80% directly owned by Golden Concord. After the completion of a backdoor listing via its parent, GCL Energy Technology Co., Ltd ("GCL Energy Technology") (stock code: 002015.SZ) in May 2019, the Company has become a subsidiary of the listed company and is 67.87% indirectly owned by Golden Concord as of 30 June 2020.

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