

CCXAP assigns A_g+ to Changge Urban Construction Investment Co., Ltd.'s proposed guaranteed CNY bonds

Hong Kong, 23 December 2024 – China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings Company Limited ("CCXAP") has assigned a senior unsecured debt rating (guaranteed) of A_g+ to the proposed guaranteed CNY bonds to be issued by Changge Urban Construction Investment Co., Ltd. ("CUCI" or the "Company") (BBB_g-/stable).

The bonds will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Henan Zhongyu Credit Promotion Co., Ltd. ("HZCP") (Ag+/stable). The Company intends to use the proceeds for construction projects and replenishing working capital.

Corporate Profile

Established in 2016, CUCI is one of the major local infrastructure investment and financing companies ("LIIFCs") in Changge City and is mainly responsible for urban construction in Changge City. CUCI is the second largest LIIFC in terms of total assets in Changge City. The Company has also diversified into other commercial business, including self-operated construction, trading, and leasing. As of 30 September 2024, the State-owned Assets Administration Commission of Change City directly owned 100% shares of the Company.

Rating Rationale

The rating of the bonds is based on the A_g+ long-term credit rating of HZCP. The bonds will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by HZCP. The bonds will constitute direct, general, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of HZCP, which will at all times at least rank pari passu with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of HZCP.

HZCP is the first provincial credit enhancement company in Henan Province, founded under the guidance of the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of Henan Provincial Government in February 2022. We believe HZCP has a high likelihood of government support given its indirect ownership and ultimate control by the Henan Provincial Government, very high strategic function for the financial environment of Henan Province, and solid support record from the government and major local SOEs.

Rating Sensitivities

Any change to the long-term credit rating of HZCP could lead to a corresponding change in the rating of the bonds.

Rating Methodology

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

The methodology used in HZCP's rating is the Rating Methodology for <u>Financial Guarantors</u> (<u>January 2022</u>).



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