

# CCXAP assigns BBB<sub>g</sub>+ to Chengdu Sino French Ecological Park Investment Development Co., Ltd.'s proposed USD bonds

Hong Kong, 13 August 2025 – China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings Company Limited ("CCXAP") has assigned a senior unsecured debt rating of BBB<sub>g</sub>+ to the proposed USD bonds to be issued by Chengdu Sino French Ecological Park Investment Development Co., Ltd. ("SFEP" or the "Company") (BBB<sub>g</sub>+/stable).

The bonds constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated, and unsecured obligations of SFEP, which shall at all times rank pari passu with all the Company's other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations. The Company intends to use the proceeds for refinancing its existing offshore indebtedness.

## **Corporate Profile**

Founded in 2018, formerly known as Chengdu Eiffel Construction and Development Co., Ltd, and designated by the Longquanyi District Government, SFEP is a key investment and operation entity of the Sino-French Ecological Park in the Longquanyi District, which is also known as the Chengdu Economic and Technological Development Zone ("Chengdu ETDZ"), Chengdu City. The Company is dedicated to Sino-French Ecological Park development, and is responsible for a variety of work such as construction plan formulation, construction of infrastructure and public facilities, investment promotion, and other relevant services in the Sino-French Ecological Park. Apart from its main business, the Company also engages in other commercial business, such as leasing and self-operating projects.

As of end-2024, Chengdu Economic Development Industrial Investment Group Co., Ltd ("CEDI") owned 96.77% of the Company's shares, and the ultimate controller of the Company is the Chengdu Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee ("Chengdu ETDZ Management Committee").

#### **Rating Rationale**

SFEP's senior unsecured debt rating is equivalent to its long-term credit rating. We believe that government support will flow through the Company given its strategic importance as the sole entity responsible for infrastructure construction in Chengdu Sino-French Ecological Park, thereby mitigating any differences in an expected loss that result from structural subordination.

The BBBg+ long-term credit rating of SFEP reflects Longquanyi District Government's (1) very strong capacity to provide support, and (2) very high willingness to provide support, based on our assessment of the Company's characteristics. Our assessment of Longquanyi District Government's capacity to provide support reflects Longquanyi District's economic importance in Chengdu City, with good economic fundamentals and fiscal strengths.

The rating also reflects the local government's willingness to provide support, which is based on the Company's (1) monopolistic business position in Chengdu Sino-French Ecological Park; and (2) good record of receiving government payments; (3) high sustainability of its public



service business and (4) access to various funding channels. However, the Company's rating is constrained by its (1) medium exposure to commercial activities; (2) high debt leverage and short-term repayment pressure; (3) weak asset liquidity; and (4) medium contingent risk.

## **Rating Outlook**

The stable outlook on SEFP's rating reflects our expectation that the local government's capacity to support the Company will remain stable, and the Company will maintain its strategic role, being the key investment and operation entity in the Sino-French Ecological Park.

### What could upgrade the rating?

The rating could be upgraded if (1) the local government's ability to support strengthens; and (2) changes in company's characteristics enhance local government's willingness to support, such as increased strategic significance or improved debt management.

#### What could downgrade the rating?

The rating could be downgraded if (1) the local government's ability to support weakens; or (2) changes in company's characteristics decrease the local government's willingness to support, such as reduced strategic significance or increased exposure to commercial activities.

## **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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