

CCXAP affirms Yancheng Haixing Holding Group Co., Ltd.'s long-term credit rating at A_g-, with stable outlook.

Hong Kong, 20 November 2025 -- China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings Company Limited ("CCXAP") has affirmed the long-term credit rating of Yancheng Haixing Holding Group Co., Ltd. ("Haixing Holding" or the "Company") at A_g-, with stable outlook.

The A_g- long-term credit rating of Haixing Holding reflects (1) the Yancheng Municipal Government's very strong capacity to provide support; and (2) the local government's high willingness to provide support, based on our assessment of the Company's characteristics. Our assessment of the local government's capacity to support reflects Yancheng City's growing economic and fiscal strengths, with good industrial development. Yancheng Yellow Sea New Area ("Yancheng YSNA") is an important modern industrial base in Yancheng City that mainly develops integrated energy, advanced steel, new materials, medical science, marine biology and advanced logistics.

The rating also reflects the local government's willingness to support, which is based on the Company's (1) full ownership and ultimate control by the Yancheng Municipal Government; (2) important role in urban development and operation in Yancheng City, particularly in Yancheng YSNA; and (3) good track record of receiving government support. However, the rating is constrained by the Company's (1) high risk exposure to commercial activities; (2) high investment needs that drives growing debt amount; and (3) moderate asset liquidity.

Corporate Profile

Established in 2012, Haixing Holding is one of the major local infrastructure investment and financing companies ("LIIFCs") in Yancheng City and is directly and wholly owned by the Yancheng Municipal Government. In 2024, the Yancheng Municipal Government transferred 100% of the shares of Yancheng Haixing Group Co., Ltd. ("Haixing Group") to the Company, and Haixing Holding became the first-class municipal-level enterprise under the Yancheng Municipal Government. Haixing Holding is mainly responsible for resource integration and utilization in the coastal region of Yancheng City, including infrastructure construction in Yancheng YSNA, as well as harbor-city investment and development and industrial investment. As a harbor development zone, Yancheng YSNA occupies an important position in the development of northern Yancheng City with its industrial base of the integrated energy, advanced steel, new materials and medical science.

Rating Rationale

Credit Strengths

Important role in urban development and operation in Yancheng City, particularly in Yancheng YSNA. Haixing Holding is engaged in the infrastructure construction and resettlement housing projects in the Yancheng YSNA. The Company undertakes infrastructure construction in Yancheng City, particularly in the port areas, urban areas and industrial park areas of Yancheng YSNA under the entrusted construction model. Haixing Holding's real estate

projects are comprised of national-level shantytown renovation, amenity center, and housing projects for the resettlement of disaster-affected households. The Company has relatively good stability and sustainability of its project construction business under the local government's planning and development.

Good track record of receiving government support. Haixing Holding has received ongoing support from the Yancheng Municipal Government including cash allocation, asset injection, capital injection and financial subsidies. In 2024, the Company received government subsidies of RMB73.9 million. In addition, the Company is expected to receive continuous government payments from the infrastructure construction business. We expect Haixing Holding to receive ongoing government support given its position as the main entity for infrastructure construction and harbor-city industrial investment in Yancheng YSNA.

Credit Challenges

High risk exposure to commercial activities. Haixing Holding also diversified into other commercial activities such as land leasing, industrial parks development, self-operated projects, trading business and equity investment. Based on our assessment, the Company's risk exposure to such commercial activities is high which accounted for more than 30% of total assets. Most of its commercial activities are self-sustaining while having a certain degree of market uncertainty and operational risk.

High investment needs drive growing debt amount. In recent years, Haixing Holding's debt level has continued to grow. As of 30 September 2025, the Company's total debt increased to RMB28.6 billion from RMB24.3 billion as of the end of 2023. Haixing Holding's current projects under construction and planning include infrastructure construction projects, self-operated projects, and standard factories and industrial park development. Considering the relatively large outstanding investment in these projects, we expect that the Company will rely on external financing to bridge the funding gap and its debt level will continue to increase over the next 12 to 18 months.

Moderate asset liquidity. Haixing Holding's asset liquidity was moderate as it includes a significant allocation to receivables, investment properties and long-term equity investments with limited profitability. The Company's receivables are of a certain scale, mainly from project settlements with local SOEs and government units, which formed a drain on the Company's fund. On top of that, the Company's investment properties represent land use rights booked at fair value and the majority of the Company's long-term equity investments comprise cross-shareholdings in regional SOEs with low liquidity.

Rating Outlook

The stable outlook on Haixing Holding's rating reflects our expectation that the local government's capacity to support will remain stable, and the Company will maintain its important role in the economic and social development of Yancheng YSNA over the next 12 to 18 months.

What could upgrade the rating?

The rating could be upgraded if (1) the local government's capacity to support strengthens; or (2) the Company's characteristics change in a way that strengthens the local government's willingness to support, such as decreased risk exposure to commercial activities and enhanced financing ability.

What could downgrade the rating?

The rating could be downgraded if (1) the local government's capacity to support weakens; or (2) the Company's characteristics change in a way that weakens the local government's willingness to support, such as reduced regional significance, weakened financing ability or material deteriorated contingent risks.

Rating Methodology

The methodology used in this rating is the Rating Methodology for [China's Local Infrastructure Investment and Financing Companies \(July 2022\)](#).

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