

Lianhe Global has affirmed ‘B+’ global scale Long-term Issuer and Issuance Credit Ratings to Yincheng International Holding Co., Ltd.; Issuer Rating Outlook is Stable

HONG KONG, 9 February 2021 – Lianhe Ratings Global Limited (“Lianhe Global”), an international credit rating company, has affirmed ‘B+’ global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating to Yincheng International Holding Co., Ltd. (1902.HK) (“Yincheng” or “the company”). The Outlook is Stable.

Lianhe Global has also affirmed ‘B+’ Issuance Credit Rating to the senior unsecured USD notes issued by Yincheng. A full list of affirmed issuance ratings is included in this press release.

Key Rating Rationales

The Issuer Rating reflects Yincheng’s established market position and branding in its home market Nanjing, a steady expansion of its development projects’ pipeline to sustain its contracted sales growth momentum, and a gradual diversification of its land bank from the heavy reliance on Nanjing. However, Yincheng’s rating is constrained by its small operating scale and geographical concentration as compared with its peers.

The Stable Outlook reflects our expectation that Yincheng would sustain its contracted sales growth outlook and maintain its competitive position in core markets such as Nanjing, while expanding its operating scale and diversifying its land bank in a prudent manner.

Rating Sensitivities

We would consider downgrading Yincheng’s rating if it were to aggressively replenish its land bank which result in an increase in its financial leverage as measured by debt/capitalization to over 80% or a decrease in its EBITDA interest coverage to below 1.0x consistently, and/or its operating performance were to deteriorate such that its property development business market position or sales experience a material decline.

We would consider upgrading Yincheng’s rating if it were to (1) expand its operating scale and demonstrate successful diversification into other regions and (2) maintain its financial leverage as measured by debt/capitalization at below 60% or EBITDA interest coverage at above 3.0x consistently.

Any rating action on Yincheng’s rating would result in a similar rating action on its USD notes.

Full List of Issuance Ratings

- USD200 million 12.0% senior unsecured notes due 2021 affirmed at 'B+'

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Rating Methodology

The principal methodology used in this Yincheng's rating is Lianhe Global's General Corporate Rating Criteria published on 16 July 2018 which can be found at the website www.lhratingsglobal.com.

Note: The above Issuer/Issuance Credit Ratings are solicited at the request of the rated entity or a related third party.

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