

## **Lianhe Global has affirmed ‘A’ global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating of Wuxi Construction and Development Investment Co., Ltd.; Issuer Rating Outlook Stable**

HONG KONG, 6 January 2023 – Lianhe Ratings Global Limited (“Lianhe Global”), an international credit rating company, has affirmed ‘A’ global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating of Wuxi Construction and Development Investment Co., Ltd. (“WCDI”). The Outlook is Stable.

### **Key Rating Rationales**

The Issuer Credit Rating reflects a high possibility that Wuxi Municipal People’s Government (“Wuxi government”) would provide strong support to WCDI if needed. This mainly considers the Wuxi government’s indirectly full ownership of WCDI, the high importance of WCDI to Wuxi in infrastructure construction and industrial investment, and the strong linkage between the Wuxi government and WCDI, including management supervision, strategic alignment and ongoing operational and financial support. In addition, the Wuxi government may face significant negative impact on its reputation and financing activities if WCDI encounters any operational and financial difficulties.

The Stable Outlook reflects our expectation that WCDI’s strategic importance would remain intact while the Wuxi government will continue to ensure WCDI’s stable operation.

### **Rating Sensitivities**

We would consider downgrading WCDI’s rating if (1) there is perceived weakening in support from the Wuxi government, particularly due to its reduced strategic importance with diminished government functions, or (2) commercial-oriented operations may significantly jeopardize WCDI’s overall credit profile, or (3) there is a significant reduction of the Wuxi government’s ownership of WCDI, or (4) there is a downgrade in our internal credit assessment on the Wuxi government.

We would consider upgrading WCDI’s rating if (1) there is strengthened support from the Wuxi government, or (2) there is an upgrade in our internal credit assessment on the Wuxi government.

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## **Rating Methodology**

The principal methodology used in this WCDI's rating is Lianhe Global's China Local Investment and Development Companies Criteria published on 5 December 2022, which can be found at the website [www.lhratingsglobal.com](http://www.lhratingsglobal.com).

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