

Lianhe Global has affirmed 'A-' global scale Long-term Issuer and Issuance Credit Rating of Tianjin Binhai New Area Construction and Investment Group Co., Ltd.; Issuer Rating Outlook Stable

HONG KONG, 28 June 2023 – Lianhe Ratings Global Limited (“Lianhe Global”), an international credit rating company, has affirmed ‘A-’ global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating of Tianjin Binhai New Area Construction and Investment Group Co., Ltd. (“TBCIG”). The Outlook is Stable.

Lianhe Global has also affirmed ‘A-’ global scale Long-term Issuance Credit Rating to the senior unsecured USD bonds issued by TBCIG’s indirect wholly-owned subsidiary Zhaohai Investment (BVI) Limited, which is unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by TBCIG. A full list of affirmed issuance rating is included in this press release.

Key Rating Rationales

The Issuer Credit Rating reflects a high possibility that the Tianjin Municipal People’s Government (“Tianjin government”) would provide strong support to TBCIG if needed, in light of its 100% ownership of TBCIG, TBCIG’s strategic position as the major development and operation entity of Tianjin Binhai New Area and the strong linkage between the Tianjin government and TBCIG including management supervision, strategic alignment, and ongoing operational and financial support. In addition, the Tianjin government may face significant negative impact on its reputation and business and financing activities should TBCIG encounter any operational or financial difficulties.

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

Rating Sensitivities

We would consider downgrading TBCIG’s rating if (1) there is perceived weakening in support from the Tianjin government, particularly due to its reduced strategic importance with diminished government functions, or (2) there is a significant reduction of the Tianjin government’s ownership of TBCIG, or (3) there is a downgrade in our internal credit assessment on the Tianjin government.

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

Any rating action on TBCIG’s rating would result in a similar rating action on the USD bonds.

Full List of Issuance Rating

- USD50 million 7% senior unsecured bonds due 2023 affirmed at 'A-'

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Rating Methodology

The principal methodology used in this TBCIG'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.

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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