

Lianhe Global has assigned ‘BBB-’ global scale Long-term Issuance Credit Rating to Dongtai Xixi Tourism and Cultural Scenic Area Investment Development Co., Ltd.’s proposed senior unsecured bonds

HONG KONG, 9 October 2023 – Lianhe Ratings Global Limited (“Lianhe Global”), an international credit rating company, has assigned ‘BBB-’ global scale Long-term Issuance Credit Rating to the senior unsecured bonds (“the Bonds”) to be issued by Dongtai Xixi Tourism and Cultural Scenic Area Investment Development Co., Ltd. (“DXTCS”; ‘BBB-/Stable’).

DXTCS intends to use the net proceeds from this offering for project investment and supplement of working capital.

Key Rating Rationales

The Bonds are rated at the same level as DXTCS’s global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating of ‘BBB-’ as the Bonds constitute direct, unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured obligations of DXTCS. The payment obligations of DXTCS under the Bonds shall at all times rank at least equally with all its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations.

The Issuer Credit Rating reflects a high possibility that the People’s Government of Dongtai City, Jiangsu Province (“Dongtai government”) would provide strong support to DXTCS if needed, in light of its indirect full ownership of DXTCS, DXTCS’s strategic importance as the key local investment and development company (“LIDC”) that is responsible for infrastructure construction and resettlement housing construction in Dongtai City, Jiangsu Province, especially in Xixi Tourism and Cultural Scenic Area, and the linkage between the Dongtai government and DXTCS, including appointment and supervision of the senior management, strategic alignment, major investment and financing plan decisions and ongoing operational and financial support. In addition, the Dongtai government may face significant negative impact on its reputation and financing activities if DXTCS encounters any operational and financial difficulties.

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

Rating Sensitivities

Any rating action on DXTCS’s rating would result in a similar rating action on the Bonds.

We would consider downgrading DXTCS’s rating if (1) there is perceived weakening in support from the Dongtai government, particularly due to its reduced strategic importance with diminished government functions, or (2) there is a significant reduction of the Dongtai

government's ownership of DXTCS, or (3) there is a downgrade in our internal credit assessment on the Dongtai government.

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

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Rating Methodology

The principal methodology used in this DXTCS'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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