

Lianhe Global has assigned ‘BBB-’ global scale Long-term Issuance Credit Rating to Chongqing Fengdu Culture Tourism Group Co., Ltd.'s proposed senior unsecured bonds

HONG KONG, 23 November 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 Chongqing Fengdu Culture Tourism Group Co., Ltd. (“CFCT”; ‘BBB-/Stable’).

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

Key Rating Rationales

The Bonds are rated at the same level as CFCT’s global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating of ‘BBB-’ as the Bonds constitute direct, unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured obligations of CFCT. The payment obligations of CFCT 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 Fengdu County (“the Fengdu government”) would provide strong support to CFCT if needed. This mainly considers the Fengdu government’s full ownership of CFCT, CFCT’s strategic importance as an important local investment and development company (“LIDC”) responsible for tourism infrastructure construction and operation in Fengdu County (“Fengdu”), and the linkage between the Fengdu government and CFCT, including the appointment of senior management, strategic alignment, supervision of major investment and financing decisions and ongoing operational and financial support. In addition, the Fengdu government may face significant negative impact on its reputation and financing activities if CFCT encounters any operational and financial difficulties.

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

Rating Sensitivities

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

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

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

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Rating Methodology

The principal methodology used in this CFCT'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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