

Lianhe Global has affirmed ‘BBB+’ global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating of Foshan Nanhai Lianda Investment (Holding) Co., Ltd.; Rating Outlook Stable

HONG KONG, 2 January 2024 – Lianhe Ratings Global Limited (“Lianhe Global”), an international credit rating company, has affirmed ‘BBB+’ global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating of Foshan Nanhai Lianda Investment (Holding) Co., Ltd. (“FNLI”). The Outlook is Stable.

Key Rating Rationales

The Issuer Credit Rating reflects a high possibility that the Nanhai District People’s government of Foshan (“the Nanhai District government”) would provide very strong support to FNLI if needed, in light of its 90.14% ownership of FNLI, FNLI’s strategic importance as an important local investment and development company (“LIDC”) that is responsible for urban development and state-owned assets operation in Nanhai District, and the strong linkage between the Nanhai District government and FNLI, including management supervision, strategic alignment, and ongoing operational and financial support. In addition, the Nanhai District government may face significant negative impact on its reputation and financing activities should FNLI encounters any operational and financial difficulties.

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

Rating Sensitivities

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

We would consider upgrading FNLI’s rating if is an upgrade in our internal credit assessment on the Nanhai District government.

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Rating Methodology

The principal methodology used in this FNLI'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.

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