

Lianhe Global has assigned ‘BBB-’ global scale Long-term Issuance Credit Rating to Shandong Taifeng Holding Group Co., Ltd.'s proposed senior unsecured bonds

HONG KONG, 6 February 2024 – 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 Shandong Taifeng Holding Group Co., Ltd. (“SDTF”; ‘BBB-/Stable’).

SDTF 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 SDTF’s global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating of ‘BBB-’ as the Bonds constitute direct, unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured obligations of SDTF. The payment obligations of SDTF 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 Xintai City (“Xintai government”) would provide very strong support to SDTF if needed, in light of its full ownership of SDTF, SDTF’s strategic importance as an important local investment and development company (“LIDC”) responsible for state-owned asset operation in Xintai City (“Xintai”), and the linkage between the Xintai government and SDTF, including appointment of the senior management, strategic alignment, supervision of major investment and financing plan decisions and ongoing operational and financial support. In addition, the Xintai government may face significant negative impact on its reputation and financing activities if SDTF encounters any operational and financial difficulties.

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

Rating Sensitivities

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

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

We would consider upgrading SDTF's rating if there is an upgrade in our internal credit assessment on the Xintai government.

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Rating Methodology

The principal methodology used in this SDTF'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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