

## **Lianhe Global has affirmed ‘BBB’ global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating of Jiangsu Zhongwu Urban Rural Investment Development Group Co., Ltd.; Issuer Rating Outlook Stable**

HONG KONG, 21 May 2024 – Lianhe Ratings Global Limited (“Lianhe Global”), an international credit rating company, has affirmed ‘BBB’ global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating of Jiangsu Zhongwu Urban Rural Investment Development Group Co., Ltd. (“JZURID”). The Outlook is Stable.

### **Key Rating Rationales**

The Issuer Credit Rating reflects a high possibility that the Xinyi People’s Government (“the Xinyi government”) (authorized by Jiangsu Xuzhou government) would provide very strong support to JZURID if needed, in light of its full ownership of JZURID, JZURID’s strategic importance as an important local investment and development company (“LIDC”) responsible for land consolidation, infrastructure construction and affordable housing construction as well as state-owned asset operating in Xinyi City (“Xinyi”), and the linkage between the Xinyi government and JZURID, including the appointment of the senior management, strategic alignment, supervision of major financing plan and investment decisions and ongoing operational and financial support. In addition, the Xinyi government may face significant negative impact on its reputation and financing activities if JZURID encounters any operational and financial difficulties.

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

### **Rating Sensitivities**

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

We would consider upgrading JZURID’s rating if there is an upgrade in our internal credit assessment on the Xinyi government.

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The principal methodology used in this JZURID'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](http://www.lhratingsglobal.com).

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