

Lianhe Global has assigned ‘BBB+’ global scale Long-term Issuance Credit Rating to Dongyang State-owned Assets Investment Co., Ltd.’s proposed senior unsecured bonds

HONG KONG, 26 July 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 Dongyang State-owned Assets Investment Co., Ltd. (“DSAI”; ‘BBB+’/Stable).

DSAI 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 DSAI’s global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating of ‘BBB+’ as the Bonds constitute direct, unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured obligations of DSAI. The payment obligations of DSAI 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 Dongyang City (“Dongyang government”) would provide very strong support to DSAI if needed, in light of its indirectly full ownership of DSAI, DSAI’s strategic importance as the most important local investment and development company (“LIDC”) for state-owned assets operation and infrastructure construction in Dongyang, and the strong linkage between the Dongyang government and DSAI, 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 Dongyang government may face significant negative impact on its reputation and financing activities if DSAI encounters any operational and financial difficulties.

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

Rating Sensitivities

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

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

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

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Rating Methodology

The principal methodology used in this DSAI'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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