

Lianhe Global has affirmed ‘BBB+’ global scale Long-term Issuer and Issuance Credit Rating of Heze City Investment Holdings Group Co., Ltd.; Issuer Rating Outlook Stable

HONG KONG, 1 June 2026 – Lianhe Ratings Global Limited (“Lianhe Global”), an international credit rating company, has affirmed ‘BBB+’ global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating of Heze City Investment Holdings Group Co., Ltd. (“HZCI”). The Issuer Rating Outlook is Stable.

Lianhe Global has also affirmed ‘BBB+’ global scale Long-term Issuance Credit Rating of the senior unsecured bonds issued by HZCI at the same time. A full list of affirmed issuance rating is included in this press release.

Key Rating Rationales

The Issuer Credit Rating reflects a high possibility that the People’s Government of Heze City (“Heze government”) would provide strong support to HZCI if needed. This mainly considers its full ownership of HZCI and HZCI’s strategic importance as an important local investment and development company that is responsible for urban development and industrial upgrade in Heze City (“Heze”). In addition, the linkage between the Heze government and HZCI is strong, including management supervision, strategic alignment, and ongoing operational and financial support. We believe that the local government has a strong willingness to ensure HZCI’s business and financial viability in order to safeguard its reputation and local financing activities.

Heze is a prefecture-level city located southwest of Shandong Province. In 2025, Heze’s GDP reached RMB 493.7 billion, representing a year-over-year growth rate of 5.0%, while the Heze government’s budgetary revenue increased by 1.3% to RMB33.3 billion.

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

Rating Sensitivities

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

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

Any rating action on HZCI’s rating would result in a similar rating action on the bonds.

Full List of Issuance Rating

- USD132.28 million 8.0% senior unsecured bonds due 2026 affirmed at 'BBB+'

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Principal Methodology Applied

China Local Investment and Development Companies Criteria (published on 31 July 2025)

The methodologies 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. None of the aforementioned entities nor its related parties participate in the rating process aside from providing information requested by Lianhe Global.

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