# Lianhe Global has assigned ‘A-’ global scale Long-term Issuance Credit Rating to Science City (Guangzhou) Financial Leasing Co., Ltd.’s proposed CNY Guaranteed Bonds

HONG KONG, 7 August 2026 – Lianhe Ratings Global Limited (“Lianhe Global”), an international credit rating company, has assigned ‘A-’ global scale Long-term Issuance Credit Rating to the CNY Guaranteed Bonds (“the Bonds”) to be issued by Science City (Guangzhou) Financial Leasing Co., Ltd. (“SCFL”; ‘BBB/Stable’). The Bonds will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Science City (Guangzhou) Investment Group Co., Ltd. (“SCI Group”).

SCFL intends to use the net proceeds from this offering for refinancing its existing offshore indebtedness.

## Key Rating Rationales

The Issuance Credit Rating primarily reflects the unconditional and irrevocable guarantee provided by SCI Group and underpinned by its credit strength. SCI Group’s obligations under the guarantee shall at all times rank at least equally with all its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations.

SCI Group, established in 1984, is the largest comprehensive local investment and development company by asset size in Huangpu District (Guangzhou Development Zone), with a strong regional franchise. It focuses on infrastructure and public facilities development, land consolidation, urban renewal projects and utility operations within the region. We believe SCI Group is likely to receive very strong support from the local government if needed. This mainly considers Guangzhou Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee’s (the de facto local government) vast majority ownership of SCI Group and SCI Group’s strategic importance in Huangpu. The linkage between the local government and SCI Group is strong, including management supervision, strategic alignment and ongoing operational and financial support. We believe the local government has a strong willingness to ensure SCI Group’s business and financial viability in order to safeguard its reputation and local financing activities.

Huangpu District (Guangzhou Development Zone) is a municipal district of Guangzhou, and one of China’s first batch of national-level economic and technological development zones. Its GDP grew steadily by 3.8% to RMB434.6 billion in 2025, while the budgetary revenue was RMB22.6 billion.

## Rating Sensitivities

Any downgrade or upgrade in our internal credit assessment on SCI Group would result in a similar rating action on the Bonds.

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## Principal Methodology Applied

*Non-Bank Financial Institutions Criteria* (published on 21 November 2023)
*China Local Investment and Development Companies Criteria* (published on 31 July 2025)
The methodology can be found at the website www.lhratingsglobal.com.

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