Lianhe Global has affirmed 'BBB-' global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating of Ningxiang Water Construction and Investment Co., Ltd.; Issuer Rating Outlook Stable

HONG KONG, 18 November 2026 – Lianhe Ratings Global Limited ("Lianhe Global"), an international credit rating company, has affirmed 'BBB-' global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating of Ningxiang Water Construction and Investment Co., Ltd. ("NWCI"); Issuer Rating Outlook Stable.

Key Rating Rationales

The Issuer Credit Rating reflects a high possibility that the People's Government of Ningxiang City ("Ningxiang government") would provide moderately strong support to NWCI if needed, in light of its indirect full ownership of NWCI, NWCI's strategic importance as the key local investment and development company ("LIDC") that is responsible for water-related infrastructure construction and operation, water supply, and utilization of water resources in Ningxiang City ("Ningxiang"), and the strong linkage between the Ningxiang government and NWCI, including appointment and supervision of the senior management, strategic alignment, major investment and financing plan decisions and ongoing operational and financial support. In addition, we believe that the Ningxiang government has a moderately strong willingness to ensure NWCI's business and financial viability in order to safeguard its reputation and local financing activities.

Ningxiang is a county-level city under the jurisdiction of Hunan Province and administered by Changsha. In 2025, Ningxiang's GDP grew by 4.8% to RMB147.4 billion, while its local general public budget revenue increased by 3.3% to RMB8.6 billion.

The Stable Outlook reflects our expectation that NWCI's strategic importance would remain intact while the Ningxiang government will continue to ensure NWCI's stable operation.

Rating Sensitivities

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

We would consider upgrading NWCI's rating if (1) there is strengthened support from local government, or (2) an upgrade in our internal credit assessment on Ningxiang government.

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Principal Methodology Applied

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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