

Research Update:

Formosa Heavy Industries Corp. Ratings Affirmed At 'twA+/twA-1'; Liquidity Revised To Strong From Exceptional; Outlook Stable

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Rating Action Rationale

Taiwan Ratings Corp. today affirmed its 'twA+' long-term and 'twA-1' short-term issuer credit ratings on **Formosa Heavy Industries Corp.** (FHIC). The outlook on the long-term rating is stable.

The ratings on FHIC reflect our view that the company is strategically important to the **Formosa Plastic Corp.** group. The ratings also reflect FHIC's relatively secure revenue from other group members and from the group's expansion, as well as FHIC's good technology and efficiency through its connection to the parent group. We also believe that ongoing cash flow support from the group will enable FHIC to constrain its debt leverage in the next one to two years. Counterbalancing factors for the ratings include FHIC's relatively small scale, less-comprehensive business scope, and limited market position, as well as intermediate financial leverage to support the group's investments, particularly in the steel sector.

We have lowered our assessment of FHIC's liquidity to strong from exceptional. The revision has no impact on the ratings. The change is to reflect the refinancing need for higher short-term borrowing mostly at FHIC's power cogeneration subsidiary in Taiwan. We expect FHIC's ratio of liquidity sources to liquidity uses to be 1.6x-1.8x in the 12 months ended Sep. 30, 2020 and well over 2x for the subsequent 12 months.

Related Criteria

- General Criteria: Group Rating Methodology – July 01, 2019
- Understanding Taiwan Ratings' Rating Definitions, www.taiwanratings.com - June 26, 2018
- Criteria | Corporates | General: Methodology And Assumptions: Liquidity Descriptors For Global Corporate Issuers - December 16, 2014
- Criteria - Corporates - Industrials: Key Credit Factors For The Capital Goods Industry - November 19, 2013
- Criteria - Corporates - Industrials: Key Credit Factors For The Engineering And Construction Industry - November 19, 2013

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- General Criteria: Country Risk Assessment Methodology And Assumptions - November 19, 2013
- Criteria | Corporates | General: Corporate Methodology: Ratios And Adjustments - April 01, 2019
- General Criteria: Methodology: Industry Risk - November 19, 2013
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- General Criteria: Use Of CreditWatch And Outlooks - September 14, 2009

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Ratings List

Ratings Affirmed

Formosa Heavy Industries Corp.

Issuer Credit Rating	twA+/Stable/twA-1
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