

Research Update:

# China Steel Corp. Ratings Affirmed At 'twAA-/twA-1+'; Outlook Remains Negative

April 21, 2026

## Rating Action Rationale

Taiwan Ratings Corp. today affirmed its 'twAA-' long-term and 'twA-1+' short-term issuer credit ratings on **China Steel Corp.** The outlook on the long-term rating remains negative. At the same time, we affirmed our 'twAA-' issue rating on the company's unsecured corporate bonds.

The ratings on China Steel continue to reflect our view that the company will maintain its solid domestic steel market position under more balanced regional supply and demand over the next one to two years. In our view, higher steel prices could help underpin a mild recovery in China Steel's financial performance in 2026. That's despite downside risks including persistent oversupply, rising geopolitical risks, and increasing trade barriers which could constrain credit improvement. We expect China Steel's improving operating cash generation, together with its conservative capital expenditure and cash dividend distribution to support its ratio of funds from operations to debt at 10%-12% in 2026 and between 14%-16% in 2027.

The ratings continue to reflect a moderate likelihood of extraordinary support from the Taiwan government, given the company's strong link and role of limited importance to the government.

The rating outlook remains negative, which reflects our view that risks affecting the extent of a recovery in the steel market may challenge China Steel from restoring its profitability and credit metrics to be consistent with the ratings over the next one to two years.

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## Related Criteria & Research

### Related Criteria

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- General Criteria: Country Risk Assessment Methodology And Assumptions - November 19, 2013
- Criteria | Corporates | General: Corporate Methodology - January 07, 2024
- Criteria | Corporates | General: Methodology And Assumptions: Liquidity Descriptors For Global Corporate Issuers - December 16, 2014
- General Criteria: Methodology: Industry Risk - November 19, 2013
- General Criteria: Rating Government-Related Entities: Methodology And Assumptions - March 25, 2015
- General Criteria: Environmental, Social, And Governance Principles In Credit Ratings - October 10, 2021
- General Criteria: Group Rating Methodology - July 01, 2019

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- Criteria | Corporates | General: Reflecting Subordination Risk In Corporate Issue Ratings - March 28, 2018
- General Criteria: Principles Of Credit Ratings - February 16, 2011
- General Criteria: National And Regional Scale Credit Ratings Methodology - June 08, 2023
- Criteria | Corporates | General: Methodology: Management And Governance Credit Factors For Corporate Entities - January 07, 2024
- Criteria | Corporates | General: Corporate Methodology: Ratios And Adjustments - April 01, 2019

### Related Research

- Taiwan Ratings' Ratings Definitions – November 11, 2021

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## Ratings List

### Ratings Affirmed

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#### China Steel Corp.

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Issuer Credit Rating	twAA-/Negative/twA-1+
Unsecured Corporate Bond	twAA-

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