Research Update:

Chung Hung Steel Corp. Ratings Affirmed At 'twA/twA-1'; Outlook Remains Negative

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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 **Chung Hung Steel Corp.** The outlook on the long-term rating remains negative.

The ratings on Chung Hung Steel reflect the company's highly strategic status within the China Steel Corp. group. Chung Hung Steel's stand-alone credit profile (SACP) reflects the company's relatively small operating scale, less vertically integrated operations, narrow product lines, and higher operational volatility compared with that of integrated still mills. The company's SACP also reflects our view that Chung Hung Steel's ratio of funds from operations to debt could remain below 12% over the next two years with slow debt reduction. Counterbalancing factors include the stable domestic market share of the company's hot-rolled steel products backed by the strong market position of the China Steel group and Chung Hung Steel's financial flexibility supported by its idle land assets.

The negative rating outlook is the same as the outlook on its parent, China Steel, and reflects our view that increasing inflation pressure could dampen economic activity and the sustainability of a recovery in demand. The outlook on China Steel also reflects rising uncertainty over the company's ability to generate profits due to increasing anti-dumping taxes from various countries and global oversupply.

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- General Criteria: Environmental, Social, And Governance Principles In Credit Ratings - October 10, 2021
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- General Criteria: National And Regional Scale Credit Ratings Methodology - June 08, 2023
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