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### Quick Facts

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| **Countries** | China |
| **Financial Institutions** | International Finance Corporation (IFC) |
| **Status** | Proposed |
| **Bank Risk Rating** | C |
| **Voting Date** | 2020-05-22 |
| **Borrower** | SIMPLECREDIT MICRO-LENDING COMPANY LIMITED |
| **Sectors** | Finance |
| **Investment Type(s)** | Loan |
| **Investment Amount (USD)** | $ 80.00 million |
| **Loan Amount (USD)** | $ 80.00 million |
| **Project Cost (USD)** | $ 80.00 million |

## Project Description

According to the bank document, "the proposed investment entails a 3-year financing package to Simple Credit Micro-Lending Co., Ltd. (“Simple Credit”, or the “Company”), a microfinance company holding internet lending license (“Internet MCC”) in China. The proposed IFC financing aims to support Simple Credit to grow its digital agriculture lending (“Digital Agri-lending”) business primarily in frontier regions of China and to promote access to finance for micro, small and medium enterprises (“MSMEs”) along the agriculture supply chain.

Simple Credit is headquartered in Chongqing, China. The loan proceeds of the proposed investment will mainly be used to support the Company’s digital agri-lending program primarily in frontier regions across the country.  "

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- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

"The proposed investment is an up to US$80 million financing package to Simple Credit, consisting of IFC A loan of up to US$50 million; and syndicated portion of up to US$30 million or equivalent."

**Private Actors Description**

Simple Credit is 90% owned by Martin Lee (Lee Ka-Shing) and 10% owned by Joseph Tse (Tse Lap Bun). Martin Lee is a co-Chairman of Henderson Land Development Co. Ltd. (“HLD”, a Hong Kong listed property developer with market capitalization of US$23.8 billion).

Joseph Tse is a partner at Tiang & Partners, an independent Hong Kong law firm associated with PwC Legal international Pte Ltd.

| Private Actor 1 | Private Actor 1 Role | Private Actor 1 Sector | Relation | Private Actor 2 | Private Actor 2 Role | Private Actor 2 Sector |
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| - | - | - | - | Simple Credit Micro-Lending Company Ltd | Client | - |

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