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**2015 PEAK Award Honouree**

**Lana Kirk – Rising Star**

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The Association of Women in Finance is proud to honour Lana Kirk with its 2015 PEAK Award in the Rising Star Category.

Lana earned her Chartered Accountant designation in 2003 after achieving honour roll distinction on the 2001 Uniform Final Exam. In 2012, at only 35 years of age, she became the first female partner in PwC's BC Region mining group. Her strong technical knowledge, combined with her ability to expertly navigate the sector's challenging accounting environment, has quickly earned her the trust of PwC's key mining clients and the admiration of her fellow partners.

Lana is strongly committed to elevating the profile of women in her industry. In 2012, she launched Shine, PwC's Women in Mining Executive Network, an initiative dedicated to building awareness of the issues faced by women in mining, while also helping to attract and advance women leaders in the sector. In 2013, Lana co-founded the Women in Mining mentorship program, which fosters valuable relationships between experienced financial leaders and junior finance professionals. With participation more than doubling in its second year, the program is well on its way to achieving its goal of preparing women for current and future leadership positions in the mining industry.

Lana's passion for making a difference is felt in her community as well. She led PwC BC Region's annual United Way campaign for the past two years, helping the firm maintain its top contributor status and increasing employee participation by 19 per cent. She is also actively involved in fundraising for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, the Down Syndrome Research Foundation and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. In addition to her fundraising efforts, Lana volunteers her time as a director and treasurer for the Mining Suppliers Association of BC.

Please join us to celebrate Lana's achievements at the PEAK Awards Gala on May 13, 2015. Congratulations, Lana!