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Catherine McLeod-Seltzer – Significant Board
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The Association of Women in Finance is proud to honour Catherine McLeod-Seltzer with the 2020/2021 PEAK Award in the Significant Board Contribution category.

Catherine is Chairman of Bear Creek Mining Corp and the Independent Chair of the Kinross Gold Board of Directors. She has served as Co-Founder and Director of Lucara Diamond Corp., since 2018. In these roles, Catherine has made significant board achievements – she is a recognized leader in the minerals industry for her ability to create growth-focused companies that generate significant shareholder value.

Throughout her career, Catherine has been instrumental in founding, stewarding, and directing successful mining ventures including Bear Creek Mining, Arequipa Resources, Francisco Gold, Miramar Mining, Stornoway Diamonds, Peru Copper and Lucara Diamond. Previously a broker in Vancouver handling investment banking, Catherine started backing companies in Chile as its copper came out from under dictator General Pinochet. At the age of 33, Catherine traded in the role of broker for CEO, raising money to finance exploration in her own companies, selling Arequipa to Barrick Gold for \$1.1bn and Peru Copper to Chinalco for \$840m.

Catherine has closed over C\$4 billion in corporate transactions in the past 25 years. Named “Mining Man of the Year” in 1999, the award was later renamed “Mining Person of the Year” and Catherine was instrumental in changing industry perceptions to recognize the contributions of both men and women to the mineral and exploration industry. In 1997, the Association of Women in Finance recognized Catherine’s outstanding accomplishments and presented Catherine with her first PEAK Award for Performance. Catherine was also positioned on the Financial Post’s “Power 50”, received the “Canada’s Most Powerful Women Top 100 Award,” and was named one of “100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining” by Women In Mining (UK).

Catherine paved the way for career opportunities for women in her field, helping to mentor and champion many young women in her industry. Catherine is a passionate advocate for the mining and mineral exploration industry, and she encourages young women considering a career in this industry to take a risk and go for it.

Please join us in celebrating Catherine’s achievements. Congratulations, Catherine!