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**2020/2021 PEAK Award Honouree**

**Kylie Dickson – Rising Star**

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The Association of Women in Finance is proud to honour Kylie Dickson with the 2020/2021 PEAK Award in the Rising Star category.

Kylie is an experienced executive in the mining industry with over 16 years of experience in finance, accounting and business development. Having obtained a BBA in Accounting from Simon Fraser University, Kylie began her career at KPMG. After three years, she received an early promotion to the position of Audit Manager, focused on the mining sector. Upon leaving KPMG, Kylie worked as the Corporate Controller with Minefinders Corporation for five years, handling projects and transactions beyond her years of experience. Kylie helped execute the sale of Minefinders Corporation to Pan American Silver in 2021.

Her next role, at the age of 32, was as CFO for Esperanza Resources Corp. Here, in just over one year, Kylie directed all the finance and accounting functions of the company and developed the finance team at the company's office in Mexico. Additionally, Kylie was instrumental in securing \$34M in equity financings, and advancing the Esperanza Gold project in Mexico. Kylie formed part of the team that executed Alamos Gold's acquisition of Esperanza Resources in 2013.

Kylie is an entrepreneur and a risk taker. In 2013, Kylie co-founded Anthem United Inc., and served as its CFO. She played a key executive role in merging Anthem United, Lowell Copper, and Gold Mountain Mining to form JDL Gold Corp., in 2016. As the CFO of JDL Gold, she played an important role in JDL's acquisition of Luna Gold to Trek Mining in March 2017, and in acquiring NewCastle Gold and Anfield Gold to form Equinox Gold. In handling these transactions, she was responsible for closing more than \$160M in financings.

In 2017, Kylie was asked to join the Board of Directors of Fortuna Silver Mines and in 2018 she became Chair of the Audit Committee – making Kylie one of the youngest of female audit committee chairs of a C\$1.1 billion TSX-listed mining company. She is currently a director at Fortuna.

Kylie is a passionate advocate and role model for women in the male dominated mining industry. Kylie consistently makes time to mentor and guide new hires, despite the competing demands of an executive-level career and raising three young children. She is also an active volunteer in her home community of Vancouver's North Shore.

Please join us in celebrating Kylie's achievements. Congratulations, Kylie!