# Allison Byrne, RUM COO, Ranked with Canada's 2012 Top Female Entrepreneurs

EDMONTON, October 1, 2012 – The 14<sup>th</sup> annual W100 ranking of Canada's Top Female Entrepreneurs, produced by PROFIT Magazine and Chatelaine has been announced. Among the recipients is Allison Byrne, the Chief Operating Officer of Rocky Mountain Liquor Inc. (TSX-V: RUM) ("Rocky Mountain Liquor" or "RUM" or the "Company). Ms. Byrne ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in this year's finalists.

Allison is a Chartered Accountant who has been Chief Operating Officer and a significant shareholder since RUM went public in 2008. She holds a BComm(Hons) from Memorial University of Newfoundland, graduating in 2002. Allison also serves as a Director of the Company and is a member of the Audit Committee.

Published in the November issue of PROFIT and Chatelaine magazines and online at PROFITguide.com and chatelaine.com, the W100 is Canada's largest annual celebration of entrepreneurial achievement by women. Ranking Canada's Top Female Entrepreneurs on a composite score based on the size, growth rate, and profitability of their businesses, the W100 profiles the country's most successful female business owners. The ranking is available at http://www.profitguide.com/microsite/profitw100/2012.

"The women of the W100 offer 100 shining examples of Canadian entrepreneurship," said Ian Portsmouth, Editor-in-Chief of PROFIT. "They have achieved their elite status by creating valued products and services, applying deft management skills and exercising the determination required to succeed in today's business environment."

Allison Byrne, COO said "It is an honour to be recognized as part of the 2012 W100 from PROFIT and Chatelaine. My operations team can take the credit for our high ranking. Two thirds of our Executive and 80% of our front line managers are women, so this is a special recognition for all of us. I would like to congratulate all of this year's recipients. I am humbled to be included among these highly successfully businesswomen."

# **About Rocky Mountain**

Rocky Mountain owns 100% of Andersons Liquor Inc. ("Andersons"), headquartered in Edmonton Alberta, which now own and operate 42private liquor stores in that province, up from 18 stores since the Common Shares began trading in December 2008. It is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX-V:RUM). In addition to common shares the Company also lists convertible debenture on the Exchange under the trading symbol RUM.DB. You can visit Rocky Mountain Liquor's website online at <u>http://www.ruminvestor.com</u>.

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