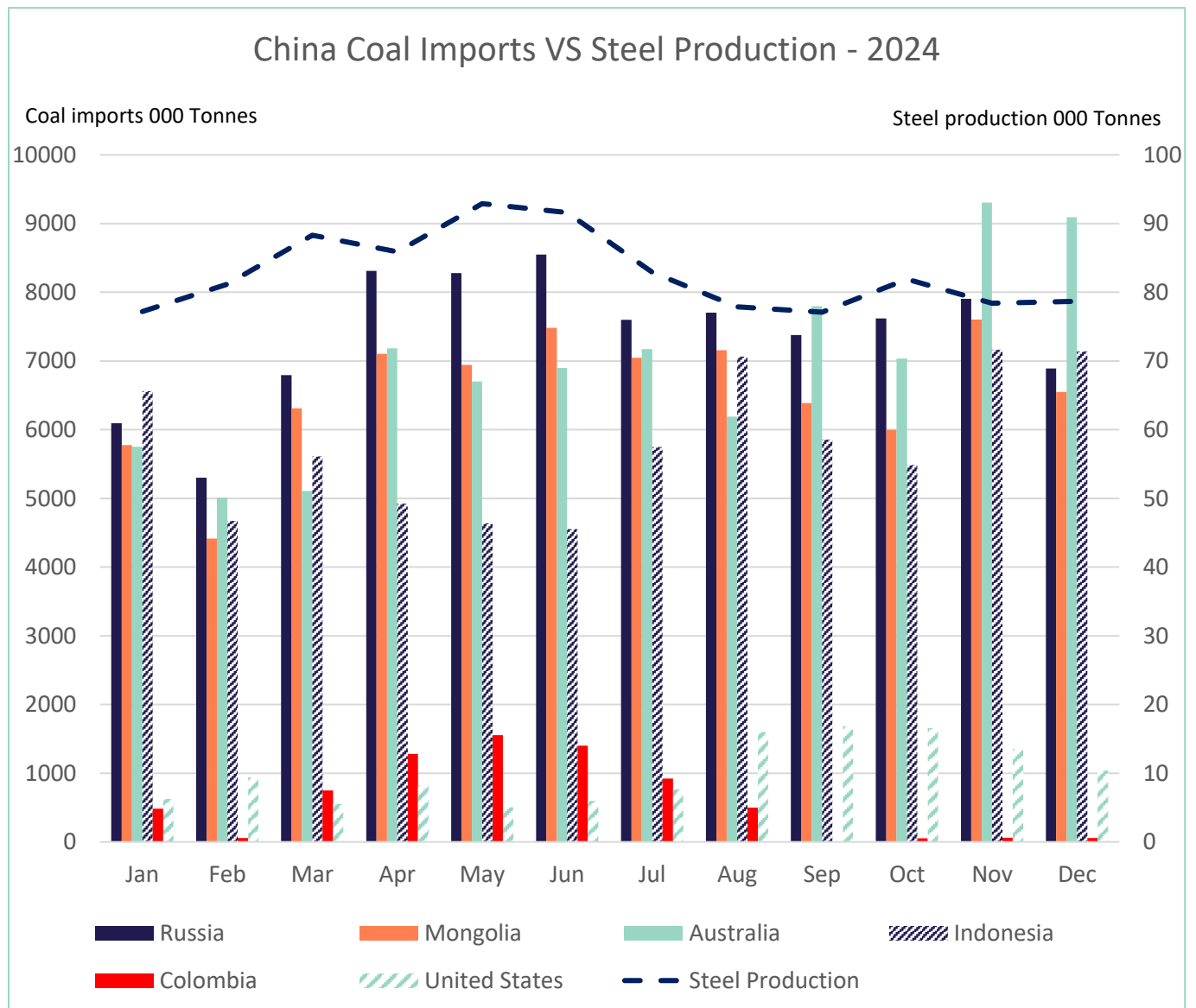




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2025: Chinese Coal Imports from Australia Surged in 2024

Chinese coal imports reached record highs in the last quarter of 2024. The imports amounted to 31.1 million tonnes in August which fell by a modest 2% in September to 30.3 million tonnes. For October, November and December, the imports stood at 28.5 million tonnes, 34.8 million tonnes and 32 million tonnes respectively. This has been the strongest imports seen so far against any quarter of 2024. During November and December 2024, the coal imports from Australia surged to 9.3 million tonnes and 9.0 million tonnes respectively. The increase in the coal imports from Australia could be due to the tariff fears among traders who are looking for alternate supply sources and to compensate the falling imports from Colombia.





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