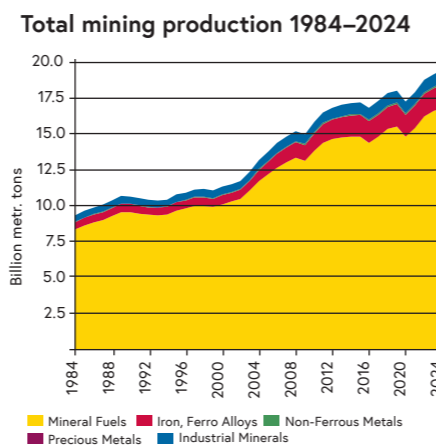
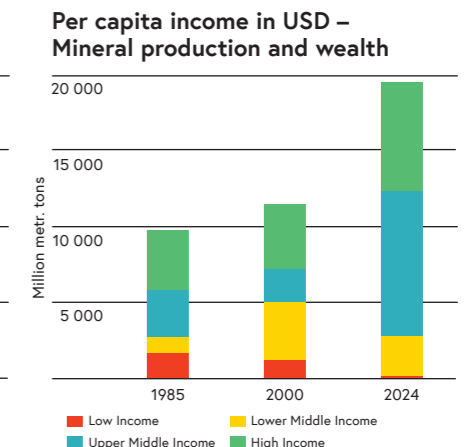
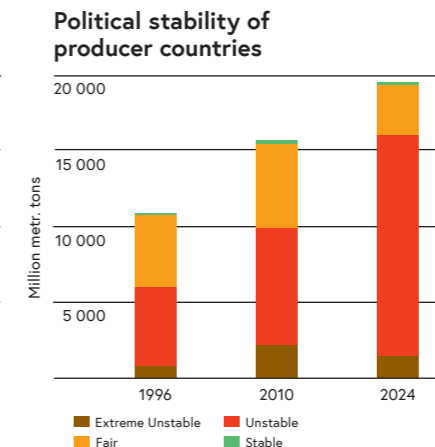
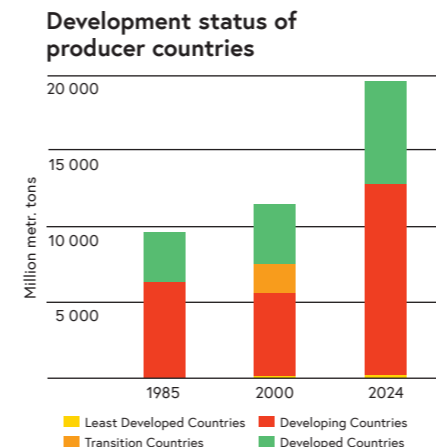
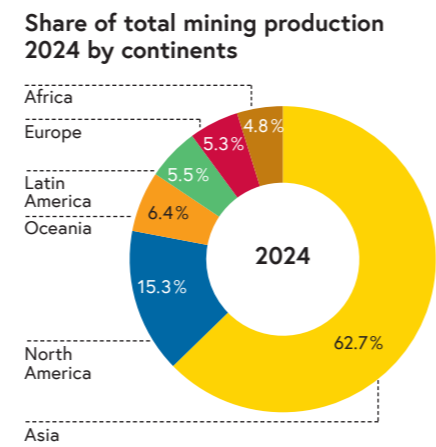
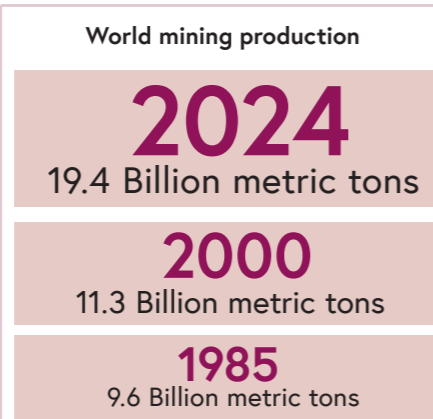


# Minerals – Backbone of the economy

Major developments in global mining production based on World Mining Data 2026

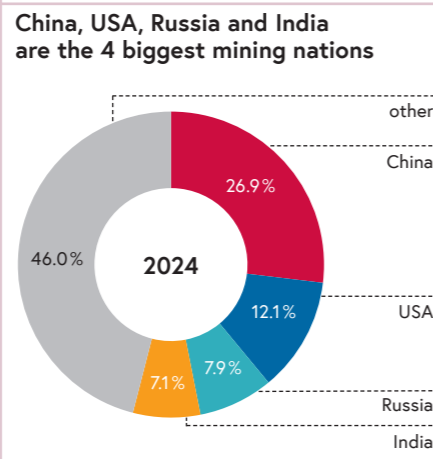
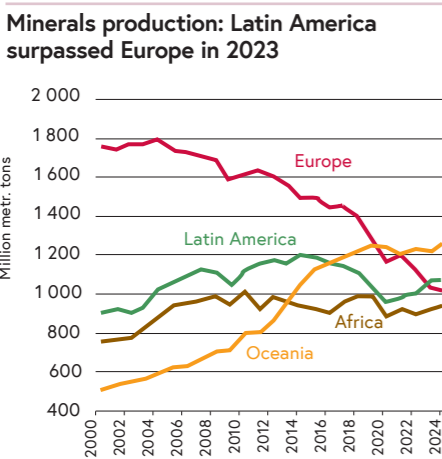
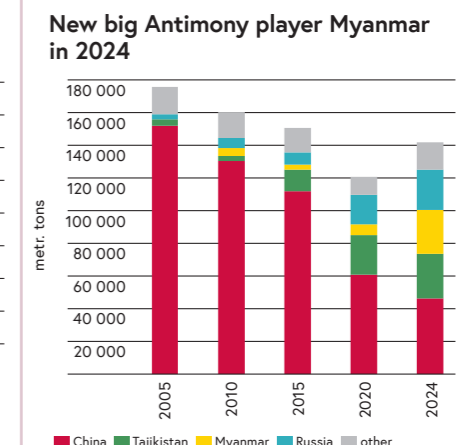
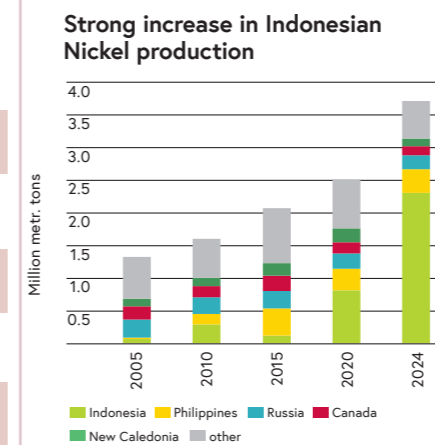


**Non-Ferrous Metals**

Ratio of 4 base metals Al, Cu, Zn, Pb to all other Non-Ferrous Metals  
**98.7% to 1.3%**

Growth rate of Non-Ferrous Metals production 2000/2024 (2020/2024)  
**129.8% (9.7%)**

Growth rate of Aluminium production 2000/2024 (2020/2024)  
**198.3% (12.2%)**



**Iron and Ferro-Alloy Metals**

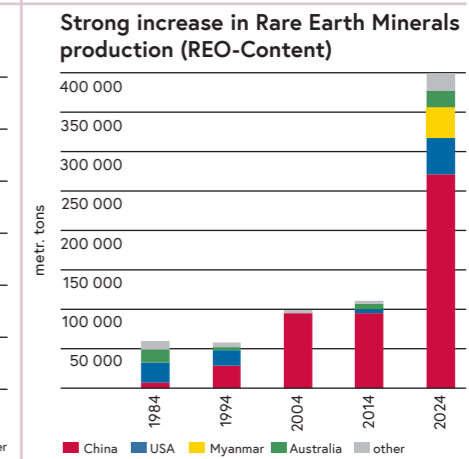
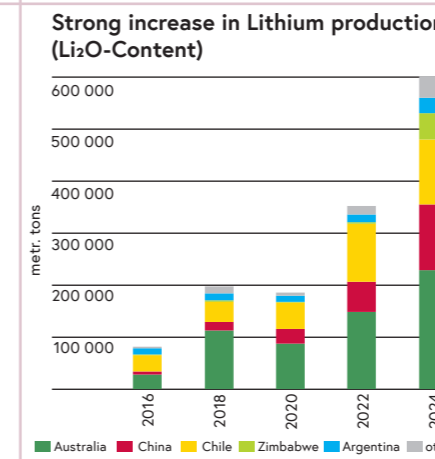
Ratio of Iron Ore to all other Ferro-Alloy Metals  
**97.0% to 3.0%**

Growth rate of Chromium production 2000/2024 (2020/2024)  
**162.8% (40.0%)**

Growth rate of Nickel production 2000/2024 (2020/2024)  
**228.0% (48.0%)**

**Big changes in production**

	Δ 2000/2024	Δ 2020/2024
Lithium	2 109.3%	221.9%
Gallium	1 798.1%	224.7%
Cobalt	527.1%	107.2%
Diamond (Ind)	-25.7%	-8.3%
Lignite	-28.1%	-2.7%
Asbestos	-41.0%	7.2%



- China is world's largest producer of 31 different commodities:**
- 4 Iron and Ferro-Alloy Metals: Mo, Ti, W, V
  - 14 Non-Ferrous Metals: Al, Sb, Bi, Cd, Ga, Ge, In, Pb, Hg, REE, Se, Te, Sn, Zn
  - 1 Precious Metal: Au
  - 10 Industrial Minerals: Baryte, Fluorspar, Graphite, Gypsum, Kaolin, Magnesite, Perlite, Phosphate Rock, Salt, Sulfur
  - 2 Mineral Fuels: Steam Coal, Coking Coal

