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n.

1. A rich mine, vein, or pocket of ore.
2. A source of great wealth or prosperity.

[Spanish, from Medieval Latin *bonacia*, calm sea, blend of Latin *bonus*, good; see **deu-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#), and Medieval Latin *malacia*, calm sea (from Greek *malakiā*, from *malakos*, soft; see **mel-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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