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Red bole is a natural, ferruginous aluminium silicate. It is similar to ochres in its chemical composition, but is softer and more unctuous.

It is capable of receiving a high polish, thus it was used in early medieval times as a ground for gilding. This type of earth was formerly mined in Armenia and exported into Europe.

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