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Goodwill Gap Seals VIP's Fate, Delhi HC Bars Passing-Off Claim

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In a decisive turn, the Delhi High Court has quashed VIP Industries Ltd's attempt to claim "passing off" against Carlton Shoes Ltd, underscoring that without concrete goodwill, such a remedy cannot stand in Indian law. At the heart of the dispute lay Carlton Shoes' registration of the "Carlton" mark in Class 18 back in 1994 and VIP's subsequent acquisition of Carlton International PLC's trademark rights in 2004. VIP Industries argued...

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