London (20th Sept) **Mick Hennessy** is delighted to announce that today the current European Super Middleweight Champion **James Degale MBE** has signed a long-term promotional contract with **Hennessy Sports**.

The 2008 Olympic Gold Medallist will make his **Channel 5** debut at **Glow, Bluewater** on **Saturday 13th October** when he defends his European Super Middleweight title.

James DeGale MBE said, “I am over the moon with my new long-term promotional deal with Hennessy Sports. I can't wait to get back in the ring on October 13th and show the millions of viewers on Channel 5 what I’m all about.

“The new beginning is a thrilling prospect, SO WATCH THIS SPACE!” added James.

Mick Hennessy said, “I’m very excited to have signed a brilliant young talent like James DeGale.

“To travel to China to fight on away turf and be the only Brit to capture an Olympic gold medal in such difficult circumstances was an amazing feat.

“To already be European Champion after only 13 fights is also an amazing achievement, our goal is to nurture and enhance James extreme talent to the highest level and for him to become not only a genuine world champion but also a cross-over star worldwide,” added Mick.

James' parents Diane and Leroy said, “ We are very proud of James who has stayed positive and committed in these difficult times. James has remained focused and dedicated during the lull in his career. The new contract with Hennessy Sports heralds a new beginning for him.

“We remain very optimistic that James will fulfill his dreams of becoming a world champion. We are looking forward to the exciting and new chapter of his career with Hennessy Sports and Channel 5.”

James Degale MBE added, “Dear past, thanks for the lessons, dear future, I'm ready!"